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About 250 people attended the Breakfast With Santa holiday celebration sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association last Saturday at the Michelson Memorial Church. After having a French toast breakfast, children had their pictures taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus, did some shopping and had their faces painted. Above, GPA member Gail Madsen paints a poinsettia on Paige Millikin's cheek.

Freedom Salute held for 1438th Engineer Unit

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Soldiers from the 1438th Engineer Detachment as well as their family members and employers were recognized for their support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

A Freedom Salute Campaign ceremony was held at the Grayling Airfield Saturday to honor soldiers of the 1438th unit and those who supported them while they were on their 11-month mission.

The 1438th Engineer Detachment was called to duty in February 2003 and served until July 2004.

During their mission in Iraq, the unit completed more than 1,000 engineer missions including construction of prisoner of war camps, houses for displaced Iraqi citizens, several hundred operations and maintenance missions at Mosul Airfield, numerous force protection missions and demolition of weapons caches.

At the Freedom Salute Ceremony, each soldier received an encased American flag, a lapel insignia, a commemorative coin and a certificate of appreciation.

Spouses of the soldiers received a commemorative lapel pin.

Children of the soldiers were

give a "Future Soldier Footlocker Kit, which contained a Daring Eagle board game, Mission Command card game and Army National Guard trading cards.

"You soldiers proudly served our country and the families served our country while your soldiers were away," said Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Cutler, the director and adjunct general for the Michigan Army and Air National Guard.

Employers and centers of influence, including Veterans and Foreign War post, received a medallion at the ceremony.

This was the fifth Freedom of Salute Ceremony held for units after they have returned to their families and civilian lives.

"With the holidays coming up, we thought that this was a perfect time to get these guys together and recognized these folks," said Maj. Michael Webster, spokesperson for Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Today, nearly 2,000 Michigan National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are deployed across the globe and at various state-side locations, including more than 100 members providing security at the Selfridge and Battle Creek Air National Guard Bases.

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Grayling to continue water fluoridation

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Fluoride will continue to flow with the city water for the health of Grayling resident's choppers after city officials opted to continue adding the supplement.

Chad Beckett, the City of Grayling's Department of Public Works director, asked the city council this fall to decide if the city would continue or discontinue adding fluoride to the city water supply.

Adding fluoride to the water became an issue in January when the city was forced to discontinue the practice when Doug Duby, the city's former DPW director, died unexpectedly at the age of 53. Duby was the only city employee who was licensed to oversee adding fluoride to the water.

Beckett was licensed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in July and the city began adding fluoride to the water on August 9.

Beckett provided city council members several documents regarding the pro and cons of supplementing the water with fluoride. An informal survey was also sent with the October water bills.

Of 580 respondents, 115 said they wanted the city to continue adding fluoride and 34 residents said they did not want the chemical in the water, said Grayling City Clerk Michele Moshier. A total of 430 residents did not respond to the survey and one resident said they did not understand the issue, Moshier said.

Fluoride occurs naturally in water in small amounts. Hydrofluorosilic acid, which is added to the Grayling water supply, is a by product of the fertilizer industry.

Communities began adding fluoride to municipal water supplies in the early 20th Century. The City of Grand Rapids was one of first municipalities to add the chemical to water to prevent tooth decay.

For children, fluoride works to make tooth enamel harder and more resistant to acid that causes tooth decay. For adults, it helps repair early stages of tooth decay even before they become visible in the mouth, a process known as remineralization.

Toothpastes, mouthrinses and gels contain fluoride, which is in foods and liquids processed with

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Grayling Dentist Dr. Arthur Kerle urged city officials to continue fluoridating the water.

MEAP results show progress

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The latest MEAP results, shared with the Crawford AuSable School Board at their November meeting, show that the district is doing a good job aligning its curriculum with state guidelines.

Results of the graduating classes from 2000-2005 were shared, although the results from the class of 2005 are still preliminary. Because the tests continue to change it is hard to make direct comparisons between the classes but the general trends are encouraging.

The math results show the students for the graduating classes of 2000 through 2005 have met or exceeded state standards for five of the last six years, with the class of 2003 very slightly below the state average.

Science results have hovered around the state average, sometimes exceeding, sometimes

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Fire Department receives new leader

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

After devoting half of his life to serving the Grayling City/Township Fire Department, Duane Brooks has opted to hang up his fire fighting helmet.

Brooks resigned as the fire chief for the department on November 30.

Brooks said he intended to step down once he reached the age of 70.

"It's been a great experience, but times have changed," Brooks said. "There is a lot of responsibility and liability being the fire chief and it weighs heavily on you. You're always concerned about the health and safety of your people and it's not an easy job."

Brooks has served as the fire chief for about six years. He was also a fire fighter for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for 38 years before

retiring from that position in 1997.

The Grayling City Council accepted Brooks' resignation last week. Russell Strohpaal Jr. was appointed as the new chief by the city council. The Grayling Township Board was expected to take the same action at their Wednesday meeting.

"Duane did a great job for thirty-five years, he's an asset to the community and he will be missed," Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said. "There is probably no one in

northern Michigan who has more knowledge in fighting wildfires than Duane Brooks."

Being at the helm of the fire department is nothing new for Strohpaal, who held the position from 1987 to 1997 and has served as a fire fighter for 24 years.

Strohpaal said his current goal to work with township and city officials and to meet mandates handed down from Lansing and the department's liability insurance carrier.

"My job is to make sure things

get done in a timely manner and we keep up with mandates that are put on all fire departments," Strohpaal said.

Strohpaal is a heavy equipment operator for the Crawford County Road Commission. He said he is looking forward to working with the 21 firefighters on the department, including two men currently serving missions in Iraq.

"My goal is to work with the community to make sure it is as safe as it can be for everyone," Strohpaal said.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Russell Strohpaal Jr. served as the Grayling City/Township fire chief from 1987 to 1997 and has been on the department for 24 years.

Lighting completes projects

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

While residents put dozens of

Christmas lights on their homes and in their yards last week, construction crews finished placing

decorative lighting along the main gateways into Grayling to help beautify the community.

The addition of the decorative lighting completed the streetscape project on M-72 West in Grayling Township and on the I-75 Business Loop.

The I-75 Business Loop project included \$619,986 in Michigan Department of Transportation and City of Grayling funds to pay for sidewalks, information kiosks and landscaping. A separate \$250,000 contract through Consumer Energy paid to have the decorative lighting installed on the Business Loop.

A separate \$207,868 MDOT grant paid for the streetscape improvements in Grayling Township. A \$49,000 contract through Consumer Energy paid for the street lighting on M-72.

Grayling Township paid about \$20,000 to have the lighting installed on Old Lake Road.

"It was a one time deal and it sure adds to the streetscape project," said Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright.

Gail Madsen, who worked with the Grayling Enhancement Committee and local officials to secure the grants, said is pleased that the community is spruced up and more pedestrian friendly.

"We see more and more people out there everyday, walking and riding their bikes," Madsen said. "When some of the trees grow up, maybe it will slow the traffic down - we hope."

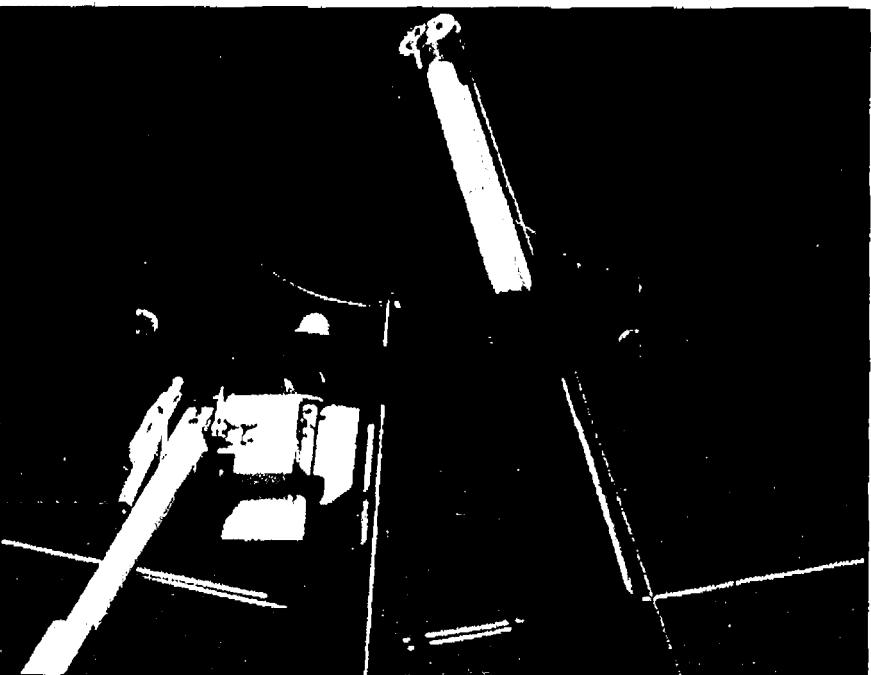


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Adam Winn, an employee for Windemuller Outdoor Utilities of Traverse City, places a decorative light fixture on a pole on the I-75 Business Loop.

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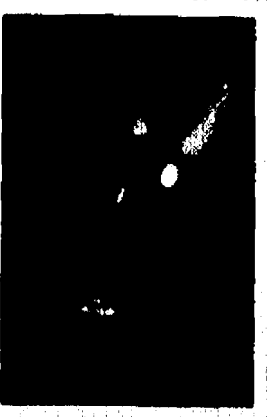
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Retired Crawford Sheriff's Deputy Tom Coors and Theresa Andrews, the treasurer of the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association, place one of the Christmas Trees which are for sale in line in the K-Mart parking lot.

Deputies tree sale helps support youth programs

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association is helping spread the Christmas cheer again this year as they raise funds for local youth.

The Deputies Association's Christmas Tree Sale is under way in the K-Mart parking lot.

A total of 103 out of 250 Christmas trees that are available for purchase have been sold in just four days, said Theresa Andrews, the treasurer of the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association. About 190

trees were sold in 2003.

Current and retired sheriff's deputies man the tree sale, which is held from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Like last year, trees are available in many shapes and sizes. Prices have remained the same. Scotch pines - \$15, Blue Spruce - \$25, Douglas Fir and Black Hills - \$30.

Proceeds from the tree sale help fund many activities including the annual Bicycle Rodeo, Halloween Education safety edu-

cation program and the Cops For Kids Holiday program.

The Cops For Kids Holiday Program puts deputies together with local at-risk children for a shopping trip to buy needed items such as hats, mittens and other clothing. The outing creates friendships, a boost in self esteem for the children and gives the deputies another way to serve the community.

The families of the children involved in the program receive food baskets donated by the Grayling Eagles.

For residents who do not opt to

buy their tree through the deputies but wish to support the youth programs, monetary donations are appreciated.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to CCDSA and mailed to the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association Office, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI, 49738.

For further information regarding tree sale or the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association, contact Andrews at 344-3213.

Prosecutor now involved in trustee resignation

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

At their November meeting, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners met with library trustee Carol Rayback regarding possible misconduct on her part. After discussing the situation with her, the Commissioners

asked for her resignation. She said she felt she did nothing wrong and refused to resign. The Commissioners then set a December 2 meeting with prosecutor John Huss to further discuss the situation.

At the December 2 meeting the Commissioners went into

executive session to further discuss the situation. The result of that session was a motion to direct the prosecutor to investigate allegations of habitual or willful misconduct or neglect of duty of an appointed board member.



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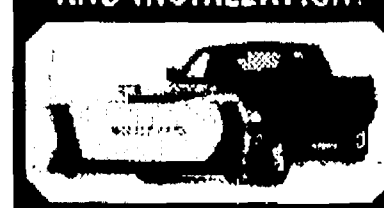
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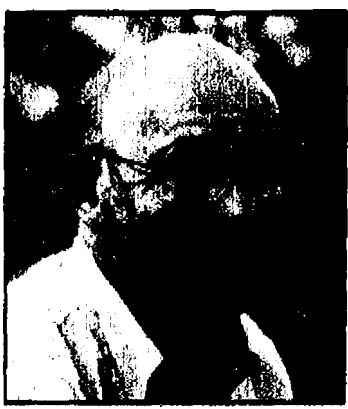
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

New Republican party chair

THE MICHIGAN Republican party is nearing a crossroads... again.

Betsy DeVos is vacating the job as head of the state party, and her successor certainly will have his/her hands full.

On the one hand is a world of opportunity. On the other is a world of difficulty.

Republicans have no single public figure head at this point, except their party chair. For the 12 years John Engler was governor, he was top dog among Michigan Republicans.

In fact, before that, when Democrat James Blanchard was governor and Mr. Engler was GOP leader in the state senate — Mr. Engler also exercised great influence, working hand-in-glove with Spencer Abraham, then state party chair, later U.S. senator and recently resigned as Secretary of Energy.

But Republicans have enjoyed no such luxury for the past two

years, while Democrat Jennifer Granholm has been governor.

The party that does not control the governor's chair usually is a hydra-headed group, with only secondary partisan leadership divided among congressmen, state legislators, such statewide administrative offices as the out-party may hold, and the party chair.

That's the problem Republicans face now, just as Democrats faced the same problem during the years Republicans held the governorship.

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WITH THE 2006 election coming up, the out-of-office party chair has an even more challenging job. The new chair will be running the show in 2006. Consider the stakes:

The governor's office opens in 2006, and Gov. Granholm will be a formidable candidate. U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow will defend the seat she wrested from Mr.

Abraham six years ago. Both are dogged campaigners and have proven to be good vote getters. Whoever runs against either will start as underdogs.

Republicans also must defend the two statewide offices they now hold — Teri Lynn Land as secretary of state and Mike Cox as attorney general — and battle to hold or improve the GOP margin in the state legislature where all 38 state senate seats and 110 state house seats will be open. State education board members and judges of the state supreme and appellate courts will be selected.

There's no precise job description for a party chair, but for Republicans this time out it will include fund raising, strengthening and maintaining good and productive relations with the White House and national party leadership, fund raising, developing campaign strategies, serving as the public voice of the Michigan party, raising money,

recruiting and encouraging good candidates who can win, strengthening district and county party organizations, raising money, smoothing over the usual and sometimes unusual factional disputes and personality problems among Republicans, raising money, challenging the governor and other Democrats through public statements and press releases, raising money, recruiting and directing a central staff of professionals, making speeches all over the place, and a few other sundry duties, including fund raising.

Who would want such a job... and why?

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AS OF LAST WEEK, three candidates have publicly offered themselves for this bone-crunching job which will be filled at the Republican state convention February 4-5 in Grand Rapids.

First to announce, and thus the front-runner, is Andrew (Rocky)

Rasckowski, a former state representative who ran for U.S. senate against Sen. Carl Levin — and lost big time — in 2002. As a military reservist, Mr. Rasckowski has served on duty in Iraq.

Next was Myrah Kirkwood, a former Detroit police officer and TV personality in the Detroit market who was drafted to run against Democratic U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee of Flint in 2004, and lost in a comparatively close race for the Kildee district, where he has consistently buried Republican foes every election since 1976.

Most recent entry is Saul Anuzis of Lansing, who has been active within the Republican party structure at state, district and local levels since the early 1980s when he was named as a vice chair of the state party. Originally from Detroit suburbs, Mr. Anuzis lives in Lansing (Eaton County) and runs his own business.

Likely a few more candidates for chair will emerge, either openly or by rumor.

As for the motivation of the candidates for party chair, who knows?

It could be self promotion. Consider Spencer Abraham's political career after he held the chairman's job.

It could be a commitment to an efficient and effective political process as essential to the advancement of democracy and good government.

It could be dedication to conquering a daunting task, responding to the two eternal questions when a challenge arises: If not me, who? If not now, when?

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

By Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Drunk driving in Michigan: a sobering story

In 2003, 442 people died in Michigan as a result of alcohol and/or drug-involved traffic crashes. *Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center.*

In 2003, law enforcement agencies in the state arrested 53,354 motorists for drunk driving. *Michigan State Police, Drunk Driving Audit.*

In Michigan, over 500 law enforcement agencies throughout the state are participating in the *You Drink & Drive. You Lose.* initiative, sponsored by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Crashes involving drinking tend to be more serious than non-drinking crashes. The percentage of fatalities is eight times higher than in all crashes and the number of crashes at the most serious injury levels are almost four times higher. *Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center.*

The severity of injuries is much worse for drivers and passengers who had been drinking. *Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center.*

A fatality in a crash is eight

times more likely when one of the crash-involved operators is reported as "had-been-drinking". *Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center.*

Nearly 31 percent of all fatal crashes involved at least one drinking operator or pedestrian. *Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center.*

Launched in December 1999, the national *You Drink & Drive. You Lose.* Campaign is a partnership of criminal justice and traffic safety partners in all 50 states that is committed to reducing deaths from impaired driving.

Impaired driving is one of the most often committed crimes, randomly killing someone in America every 30 minutes and nearly 50 people a day. *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.*

Sheriff Wakefield states the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will once again be participating in the Office of Highway Safety Planning's drunk driving campaign scheduled for December 20, 2004 through January 2, 2005 titled *You Drink & Drive. You Lose.*

Young children at risk across the state, report says

Crawford County youth near the top in several risk categories

Little or no progress was made in improving maternal and infant health in Michigan between 1995 and 2002, according to the latest Kids Count data book. This year's report, with a focus on young children, also found higher risk for the state's youngest children on several measures of child well-being.

"Our state public policy and budget decisions do not reflect the overwhelming scientific evidence of the importance of the earliest years," said Jane Zehnder-Merrell, senior research associate at the Michigan League for Human Services. "State and local services are being cut or curtailed to young children. As a result, too many children reach kindergarten already behind."

The average wage in Crawford County in 2002 was \$27,337, only 73 percent of the state average of \$37,517. One of three young children under the age of five in this county lived in poverty in 2003. Statewide the rate was one in every five children under five. Roughly 750,000 children, or one in every four children, in

the state depend on Medicaid to access health care. That rate is one in every three children for Crawford County.

Infants were almost twice as likely to be victims of abuse or neglect as children, ages 5-9. Young children under the age of five represented 80 percent of the Michigan fatalities resulting from maltreatment in 2002.

The report also shows that roughly 170,000 children under age 18 resided in families investigated for abuse or neglect in 2003 — at a rate of 66 per 1,000 children under the age of 18. In Crawford County 430 children were in that situation, which works out to a rate of 128 per 1,000 children, nearly double the state average. While the state rate went up 23 percent from 1995 to 2003, the rate in Crawford County went up 44 percent.

The rate of confirmed victims for the state (10 children per 1,000) climbed by over one-quarter over the same period, up from 8 in fiscal year 1995. In Crawford County the rate of confirmed victims (25 per 1,000) represented a

358 percent increase, up from 7 in 1995.

Children in Crawford County were 388 percent more likely to end up in out-of-home care for abuse or neglect over the trend period, as opposed to 17 percent across the state.

"Lack of prevention services to the state's most vulnerable children may explain some of the substantial increase in the rates of child abuse and neglect," said Michele Corey, community advocacy director for Michigan's Children. "Community collaboratives for coordinating human services and county infant death review teams have experienced reduced or zero funding to support their efforts."

State budget shortfalls have also affected other services to young children. Young children in low-income families that depend on the state child care subsidy have few options for care, according to the report. The subsidy payment is based on hourly use rather than the standard weekly rate charged by almost all licensed providers. Subsidy payments are also pegged to a 1996 market rate survey that lags the cost of living by eight years.

Although young children suffer from the highest risks to

their well-being, there is good news for Michigan teens.

Among the five areas of child well-being examined in this year's data book, the biggest improvement in Michigan over the trend period occurred among teens. Both the rate of births to teens, ages 15-17, and the rate of injury deaths among teens, ages 15-19, dropped by roughly one-third. In 2000-2002, 20 of every 1,000 high school-aged female students gave birth compared to 30 in 1990-1992. The birth rate for young teens in Crawford County dropped by approximately one-fifth, from 34.5 per 1,000 to 27.1 per 1,000.

The percent of high school dropouts declined by 40 percent with roughly 4 percent or 17,000 youth leaving school without a high school diploma. In Crawford County, the dropout rate declined by nearly 67 percent going, from 11.9 percent in 1990-92 to 3.9 percent in 2000-2002.

The data book, which features profiles of child well-being for the states and each of its 83 counties is available on the web at www.milhs.org and in hardcopy from the Michigan League for Human Services at 1115 S Pennsylvania Ave. Suite 202, Lansing, MI 48912-1658

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Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Amicare Hospice to wrap holiday gifts

Mercy Amicare Hospice staff and volunteers will be wrapping gifts on December 11 and 12 at K-Mart in Grayling from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wrapping will be done at no charge, however donations will gladly be accepted. All donations will benefit the Mercy Amicare Hospice program. For more information please call 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457.

Santa to be at Grayling Moose Lodge

Santa is coming to the Grayling Moose Lodge on Saturday, December 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. Children from ages infant to seven years old will receive a stocking, toy and a free picture. Open to the public.

St. Marys Ladies to hold cookie walk

St. Marys Ladies will be holding their annual cookie walk on Saturday, December 10, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 11, from 8 a.m. to noon at St. Marys Family Center on Spruce Street.

VFW to hold Christmas party

The C.W. Borchers VFW Post 3736 Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 14, at 6 p.m., at the American Legion Hall. Bring a dish to pass and your family. Plan on playing games and lots of fun. Use back entrance. For more information contact Yette Szkotnicki at 348-9806.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday, December 9, at 7 p.m. at the Crawford County Court House. All are welcome.

Grayling Eagles to hold Burger Bash

The Grayling Eagles Burger Bash will be held on Saturday, December 11, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Burgers \$2, cheeseburgers \$2.25, french fries \$1, onion rings \$2, or wing dings with fries \$3.75. Dine in or carry out, 348-5287. Public welcome.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, December 10 - Lunch - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, orange carrot almandine, peanut butter brownie. 12:30 p.m. Frederic and Maple Forest Satellite Meal. No dinner. 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Monday, December 13 - Lunch - sloppy joe, potato salad, broccoli, mandarin oranges. Dinner - meatloaf, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes and gravy, ambrosia fruit salad. 12 p.m. Stag Club, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

Tuesday, December 14 - Lunch - hot roast beef sandwiches, mashed potatoes and gravy, melon balls, peach crisp. Dinner - lemon pepper chicken,

club spinach, garlic cheese potatoes, peaches. 8:30 a.m. Casino Trip, 1 p.m. Euchre Club, 6:30 p.m. Housing Commission Board Meeting.

Wednesday, December 15 - Lunch - liver and onions, fried cabbage w/bacon, peaches, Jello w/pineapple. Dinner - roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, cheesecake. 10 a.m. Line Dancing, 12 p.m. Stag Club, 5 p.m. Christmas Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Burger King Bingo.

Thursday, December 16 - Lunch - beef and vegetable stew, coleslaw, pudding. Dinner - steak and scrambled eggs, baked potato, Waldorf salad, apricots. 10 a.m. Aerobics and Craft Class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks, 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wellington Farm Park Trip.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of November 28-December 5:

One traffic control situation, three traffic accidents, three motorist assists, one civil warrant arrest, three misdemeanor arrests, three private property damage accidents, three larceny complaints, one salvage inspection,

Three felony arrests, one assault, one salvage inspection, one OUIL, two juvenile complaints, one fire response, three civil complaints, one suspicious behavior, three assist other departments, one alarm, two civil complaints, one city ordinance violation, four civil infractions, one driving while license suspended, one welfare check and four unclassified complaints.

British painter showing at Dennon Museum Center

The Dennon Museum Center at Northwestern Michigan College announces the opening of one of the most unusual painting exhibitions ever shown at the museum. The exhibition entitled Reverspective is a mini-retrospective on the work of British surrealist painter Patrick Hughes. It will be shown December 5 through March 27, 2005.

Patrick Hughes creates three dimensional relief paintings that baffle his audience by demonstrating how deceptive appearances can be. As the viewer walks toward the seemingly flat paintings they loom out at the viewer, creating a disorientating, moving experience.

Hughes paints on panels that protrude out of the picture plane in pyramids and trapezoids into the viewer's space. He places the shadows and angles of his walls, streets, landscapes and corridors so that as one walks by, the whole piece appears to move. The only way to truly experience this is for the viewer to see the works in person, as one's movement brings the work to life. Preconceived assumptions of the eye and brain are challenged, inevitably raising questions about our perception and subconscious.

Born in Birmingham, England in 1939, Hughes lives and works in London. Pieces from throughout his career are in many public

collections including the British Library, London; the Tate Gallery, London; the Gallery of Modern Art, Glasgow; the Denver Art Museum and the Duke University Art Museum. A major painting was included in The Collections of Nesuhi Ertegun and Daniel Filipacchi, the 1999 Surrealist exhibition at the Guggenheim Museum, New York. In 2000 Hughes had a solo exhibition at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry and through 2001-2004 he has had solo shows in London, Seoul, Los Angeles and New York City. He has lectured and written widely on the art and science of perception and cognition.

Go to <http://www.patrick-hughes.co.uk> for more information and to view his work. The exhibition at the Dennon Museum Center is made possible with the cooperation of the Flowers gallery, which specializes in contemporary British art and has locations in London and New York.

The Dennon Museum Center is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4 adults, \$2 for children and free to museum members. For more information on the museum go to www.dennonmuseum.org or call 231-995-1055. The Dennon Museum Center is located at 1701 East Front Street, Traverse City.

Local artist featured at gallery

Local artist, Kim Diment, has had her work selected for three international juried shows. She earned a second place finish in the international "Wildcat Art 2001" show held in California. She also won the 2001 Michigan Duck Stamp competition.

On December 11 and 12 she will be at the North Woods Gallery in Atlanta, Michigan, with her artworks and photographs featuring the "Cats of

Africa."

On Saturday evening there will be a special reception beginning at 7 p.m. Diment will give a slide show presentation at 7:30 p.m.

Those planning to attend the special reception are asked to call 989-785-4650.

Diment will also be at the gallery on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

LIBRARY NEWS

Once the holidays are over, what do you do with all those cards you received? You hate to throw them away because they're so nice, but you just can't keep them. This year, you have another choice.

The Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library would like to use those cards, and any other occasion cards you would like to donate, for craft projects with children and senior citizens.

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Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for December 5 - of \$25 each: Kevin Gossett (2), Kathy Nye and Dennis Henning.

Animal Shelter of Crawford County The Christmas Walk Raffle winners: Christmas afghan, Jim Clyma; Christmas basket, Tamara Revord.

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The Bible Speaks

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace is the favorite song of many Americans! Behind that wonderful song is an amazing story. The author, John Newton grew up leading a wild and wicked life. He was at sea by the age of eleven, and forced to serve in the British Navy 7 years later. He deserted, was recaptured and exchanged to the crew of a slave ship bound for Africa. His employer's wife beat him and held him as a "slave of slaves." He would later become the captain of a slave ship. This explains why he wrote those words, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me."

Later at 82 years of age Newton said, "My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things, that I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Saviour." The epithet on his tombstone bears his testimony: "John Newton, Clerk, once an infidel and libertine, a servant of slaves in Africa, was, by the rich mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the faith he had long labored to destroy." When someone suggested he should

retire, he said, "What, shall the old African blasphemer stop while he can speak?"

John Newton discovered the greatest message of Christmas. He discovered that Jesus Christ entered this wicked world some 2,000 years ago to save lost sinners. This was the prophesied purpose in both His name and birth according to Matthew 1:21: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." This is also the testimony of Jesus in Luke 19:10: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." As John said in 1 John 4:9,14: "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."

John Newton's testimony reminds everyone that no one is too wicked or sinful to be saved. As had as John Newton was before God saved him, he was not the worse of sinners. The apostle Paul said in 1 Timothy 1:15,16: "This is a faithful say-

ing, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting."

Have you like the publican of Luke 18:13 ever ask for God's mercy and forgiveness for your sins?

And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner." Jesus tells us in the next verse that this man went to his house justified. Have you trusted the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins and eternal life? Have you received God's gift of His Amazing Grace? If so, Merry Christmas! Pastor "B"

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Emergency Care Center at Mercy Hospital Grayling to receive \$500,000 grant

U. S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Mercy Hospital Grayling CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak announced that Mercy Hospital Grayling will receive \$500,000 in federal assistance for the construction of a new Emergency Department. The funding comes at an important time for the project and will be used to offset the cost of construction.

"Senator Stabenow has been tireless in her efforts to improve health care in Michigan and across the country," said Riemer-Matuzak. "She has visited our hospital and she knows first-hand our goal to provide the improved emergency services our community deserves. The Senator has our special thanks and we hope she will be able to revisit our hospital in the future so we can express our appreciation in person."

Senator Stabenow has been involved with the Emergency Department initiative since

August 2003 when she toured the hospital, and met with the community leaders and hospital officials, to learn more about the project and the evolving state of health care in Grayling. Mercy Hospital Grayling has been working with Senator Stabenow's office since that time to be included in the federal budget and the annual appropriations process. The Senator's persistence was successful this year in securing funds for the Emergency Department.

"The response from our leaders in Congress together with our community will enhance our momentum to achieve our long-term vision for the facility," commented Mary Fox, Chief Business Development Officer at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

There has been a groundswell of local community support for the Emergency Department project. Last month, Houghton

Lake residents Marie E. Brasza-Pinch and husband Gerald H. Pinch Jr., and family donated \$500,000 to the campaign. Early gifts totaling more than \$1.5 million have been pledged towards a community goal of \$2.3 million.

Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2005 and completed in 2007. The new Emergency Center - the first expansion to the hospital since 1978 - will more than double the space available for emergency care. It will increase the department from eight to 14 treatment beds, add three new observation beds, modernize patient and family areas, and significantly increase privacy and comfort for hospital patients.

For more information about Mercy Hospital Grayling or the Emergency Department campaign, please call 989-348-0594 or visit mercygrayling.munsonhealthcare.org.

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Sentencings for October 2004

Hon. John G. Hunter

Marie Kay Odegard, age 38 of Grayling - Reckless driving; ordered to pay \$305 in fines or serve 30 days in jail.

Doris Jane Brown, age 64 of Fife Lake - Retail fraud third-degree; ordered to pay \$605 in fines or serve 60 days in jail.

Maurice Leroy Alma Jr., age 41 of Frederic - Operating while intoxicated; sentenced to serve 30 days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,475 in fines or serve 63 days in jail.

Scott Russell Doemer, age 39 of Grayling - Speeding-careless driving; license

suspended/revoked allow suspended person to operate and improper use of license plate; ordered to pay \$515 in fines or serve 51 days in jail.

Christopher James Bugosh, age 30 of Canton - Operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,255 in fines or serve 125 in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Mark Thomas Carpenter, age 18 of Grayling - Control substance-possession of marijuana;

ordered to pay \$1,150 in fines or serve 115 days in jail.

Cody Frost, age 18 of Grayling - Malicious Destruction of personal property-less than \$200; ordered to pay \$775 in fines and \$676 in restitution or serve 86 days in jail.

Charles Michael Woodman Jr., age 18 of Frederic - Drove while license suspended; ordered to pay \$215 in fines or serve 21 days in jail.

Scott Russell Doemer, age 39 of Grayling - Attempt retail fraud-third degree; ordered to pay \$475 in fines or serve 47 days in jail.

Martin Joseph Jung, age 33 of Grayling - Domestic violence/second offense; sentenced to served 45 days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,075 in fines or served 109 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Billy Joe Antcliff, age 29 of Grayling - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$735 in fines or serve 73 days in jail.

Jason Michael Helsel, age 25 of Grayling - Drove while license suspended; ordered to pay \$215 in fines or serve 21

days in jail.

James Calvin Knowles, age 43 of Grayling - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$365 in fines or serve 36 days in jail.

Jack Pomeroy, age 49 of Grayling - Littering-private property; ordered to pay \$50 in fines or serve five days in jail.

Magistrate Julie Delaney
Tina Marie Hess, age 37 of Grayling - Drove while license suspended and improper use of license plate; ordered to pay \$280; placed on probation for 92 days.

Allen James Wakeley, age 20 of Grayling - Person under 21-purchase/consumption/possession of liquor; ordered to pay \$480 in fines; placed on probation for 92 days.

Cory George Klee, age 19 of Grayling - Drove while license suspended; ordered to pay \$345 in fines or serve 90 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Cory George Klee, age 19 of Grayling - license suspended/revoked allow suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$205 in fines.

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The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the student's performance on AP exams. At G.H.S., Franklin, son of Marge and Edward Franklin, qualified for the AP Scholar Award, which is granted to students who receive grades of 3 or higher on 3 or more AP Exams. Kip is currently a student at Central Michigan University, studying music performance and composition.

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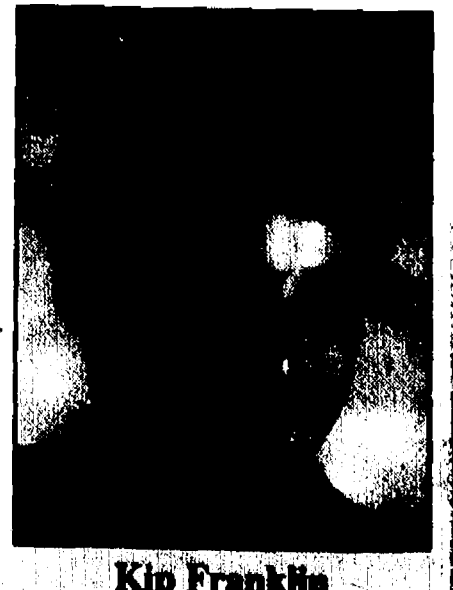
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Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am
Children's Sunday School 11 am
Bible Study & Bible Study 7-8 pm

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Sunday Service 8:30 am
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Sunday Evening Service 7 pm
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Elmore Lumberyard United Church of Christ
3414 West Park Road, Lapeere
Sunday Worship 11 am
Bible Study & Bible Study 9:30 am

Barlow Baptist
Pastor Brian Wagner 348-1431
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Sunday Service 9:45 am
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Bible Study 7 pm

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Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
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Wednesday Service 7 pm

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Sunday School 10 am
Bible Study 7 pm

St. John's Lutheran (ELCA)
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OBITUARIES

Gussie Lee Davenport

May 18, 1905 - Dec. 4, 2004

Gussie Lee (Johnson) Davenport, 99, of Roscommon, passed away on December 4, 2004 at Hilltop Manor Health Care Center, Roscommon.

Gussie was born on May 18, 1905 in Austin, Texas to Gustav and Julia Etta (Cooper) Johnson. She married Franklin Buchanan (Buck) Davenport.

She lived in Roscommon since 2002 and previously lived in El Paso, Austin and Dallas, Texas.

She is survived by her daughter Julia (Charles) Rorie of Roscommon; three grandchildren: Julie Kessell, David (Rebecca) Rorie and Peter Rorie; three great-grandchildren, Britney and Brandon Kessell and Aldan Rorie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, five sisters: Ethyl McCutcheon, Gladys Winfree, Janie Greer, Helen Simmons and Elizabeth Allen.

A private family service has been held. Burial was at Austin Memorial Park, Austin, Texas.

Memorial contributions can be made to Trinity Episcopal Church in West Branch.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home of Roscommon.

Carol E. Lighthill

Feb. 18, 1932 - Dec. 5, 2004

Carol E. Lighthill, 72, of West Branch, passed away on December 5, 2004 at West Branch Regional Medical Center.

Carol was born on February 18, 1932. She lived in West Branch since 2003, formerly of Grayling. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Gladwin where her father, the Rev. John R. Scott was the pastor and officiated at Carol and Grant's wedding.

She is survived by her husband Grant of West Branch; son John (Rebecca) Lighthill of San Diego, California; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and her brother James Scott of Weaverville, North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. John and Mildred Scott; her sister Helen Wentworth; and her brothers, Charles and Paul Scott.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Steuermol and McLaren Funeral Homes, West Branch.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 80 complaints the week of November 29 - December 5:

Twenty-seven traffic accidents, three accidents-non-traffic, one traffic violation, five property inspections, one parking violation, two civil matter/family disputes, one lost and found property, five general non-criminal, six false alarms, one burglary/home invasions, six larcenies, one vehicle theft, two fraudulent activities, one fraud-no-account check, one marijuana possession, three public peace/disorderly, one OUIL/UBAL, four health and safety, six miscellaneous criminal offense and three driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended), etc.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Elaine Holmgren

Elaine Holmgren, 87, of Saginaw, passed away on November 18, 2004 at Saint Mary's Hospital.

Elaine was born in Grayling to the late Sylvia Ann (Goss) and James McDonnell, Postmaster of Grayling. She married Paul Eric Holmgren of Reed City on March 15, 1943 in New York City. She graduated from Central Michigan University in 1940 with a Bachelor degree in teaching. After World War II, Mr. and Mrs. Holmgren moved to Saginaw. Elaine taught English and home economics at Swan Valley Junior High School. She retired in 1980. She was a member of the First Congregational Church.

She is survived by four children: Sylvia Ann Holmgren Harris (Peter) of Spring Lake, James McDonnell Holmgren (Alste) of Wappingers Falls, New York, David Carl Holmgren (Andrea) of Saginaw, Mary Holmgren Clifford (Loren) of Marquette; nine grandchildren: Kristen Gomez Harris, Tracey Harris Sainz, Eric Grote Holmgren, Sigrid Christine Holmgren, Brandon Carl Holmgren, Ryan Paul Holmgren, Emily Mae Christianson, Jane Sylvia Clifford, Edward Allen Holmgren; a brother, Herbert (Bud) McDonnell of Kalamazoo and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, John Paul Holmgren; three brothers, Arthur, Clayton, and Lawrence McDonnell; and one sister, Loretta Dingman.

A funeral service was held on November 22, 2004 at the First Congregational Church. Burial was in the Grayling Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the First Congregational Church.

Arrangements by W. L. Case & Co. Funeral Chapel, Saginaw.

Alvin G. Matthews

May 4, 1918 - Nov. 30, 2004

Alvin G. Matthews, 86, of Mio, formerly of Grayling, passed away on November 30, 2004 in Fairview.

Arrangements by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all the people that helped me in the loss of Pete. Especially Chief Karl Schreiner, and Keith, Alice, Bob and Lou Dunham.

Gloria Stephan and family

BIRTHS

Billie Jo Perkins and David Stocker of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Kylor Mitchell Robert, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on November 15, 2004, at 4:08 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 2 ozs., and measuring 20 inches long.

Susan and Bryce Metcalfe of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Parker Fox, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on November 12, 2004 at 5:14 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 5 1/2 ozs. and measuring 20 inches long.

Laura Marie Alschbach and Richard Lynn LaFleche of Grayling announce the birth of their son, Richard Lynn, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on November 12, 2004, weighing 8 lbs., 1 ozs. and measuring 21 inches long.

Jessica Fairlamb and Kyle Stacy of Mio announce the birth of their son, Trei Daniels, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on November 26, 2004 at 2:25 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 3 ozs. and measuring 20 inches long.

46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

Sentencings for October 2004

Hon. Alton T. Davis

Michael Lynn Haley, age 49 of Grayling - Plead guilty on August 20, 2003 to substance/delivery/manufacture marijuana; driver's license suspended for 365 days; sentenced on September 15, 2004 to serve 90 days in jail with credit for 64 days served and 26 days held in abeyance; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$250 penal fine, \$350 attorney fee and \$60 state minimum costs; placed on probation for 36 months.

Joseph Brian Armstrong, age 25 of Grayling - Plead guilty on February 2, 2004 to a probation

violation; sentenced on October 19, 2004 to serve 10 days in jail; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Dawn Marie Howell, age 23 of Grayling - Plead guilty on September 10, 2004 to larceny building; sentenced on October 7, 2004 to serve 10 days in jail with credit for eight days served; ordered to pay \$896 in restitution, \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 18 months.

Ernestine Stephan Church Palmer: A Daughter's Tribute

by Anne Marie Church

Ernestine Louise was born on March 7, 1927 to Herbert & Beulah Stephan. The young couple were so proud of their first born they had a photo taken before she was a year old. The picture shows a child with bright blue eyes and roses in her chubby cheeks. With her dark brown hair cut in a classic bob & bangs, she looks joyful and full of life. The picture cost a whopping \$15.00 and the depression-era Stephens paid for it in installments.

Not long after, the Stephens were blessed with another daughter, Beverly Jean. The two sisters became inseparable, often accompanied by their dogs, first, Mickey I, then, later, Mickey II. They even slept with the Miceys and Herbert's concern they would get sick from the dog was summarily over ridden. Later, Ernestine would say one of the reasons she never wanted another dog was because of the loss she felt when both the Mickey's died.

Ernestine & Beverly had a color coded childhood, with Ernestine, the Brunette, always getting red garments and blonde Beverly the blue. This love of red lasted her whole life and was absorbed by her oldest daughter. It is a color of passion, energy, and excitement about life, a description of most of Ernestine's later years.

Times were very tough during the Depression in Crawford County, and the Stephens felt the squeeze to keep food on the table more than once. Game wardens were sympathetic to this and often turned a blind eye to deer poaching as long as it wasn't flagrant.

Little Ernestine and Beverly were getting their haircuts at the barber one day. He asked them, "Has your dad gotten any deer lately?" Beverly piped up, "No, but he got a really big rabbit!" Ernestine loved that story and it still makes Beverly blush.

The Stephan daughters were joined by a son, Peter William, in 1937. For much of his young life, the girls were typical big sisters loving, teasing, telling him what to wear.

When Ernestine was dating Jack Church, and Beverly was dating Edward Lowrie, Pete knew Ed was always good for toys, & Jack a quarter or two if only he would just disappear. He was always happy to oblige his future brothers-in-law.

Later, after the girls were both married, Pete came to them in tears & told them they could have his room, if only they would just come back home.

Coming to womanhood in the 70's, I was much aware of the differences in upbringing of Ernestine's generation and mine. One time, I asked her if she felt left out because she didn't go hunting with her Dad. Her answer was to describe the cozy feeling she got being warm in her bed, smelling coffee and eggs & bacon cooking as the hunters prepared to take to the field in early morning.

When Ernestine graduated from high school, WWII was still going. She had no funds for college, but someone made tuition

for business school in Bay City available to her. V-J Day in Bay City found her in the midst of the joyous traffic and she was struck by an automobile although not seriously injured.

But, she was miserable being away, and even though Herbert & Beulah would send her bus fare, she would hitchhike back to Grayling to save the money. Ultimately, she left business school and moved back home. She worked in various jobs in Grayling and paid Herbert & Beulah \$10 a week for room & board. Beulah quietly tucked the money away in a savings account for her daughter's future.

Ernestine spent her whole life in Grayling, graduating from Grayling High School in 1944. It wasn't until she had 4 children with Jack Church, that he told her he had had a major crush on her in the eighth grade.

Ernestine & Jack were married November 29, 1947, after Jack returned from serving with the US Navy in the Pacific Theater of WWII. They were very young, and had to grow up together, a journey that was often very difficult as Jack struggled with severe depression.

The Church family struggled financially until, at last, Ernestine was hired by Bear Archery. Although things were still tight, the job gave her the security she had so desperately needed.

I remember the first day of her job at the Bear Archery. I didn't sleep most of the night, I was so afraid that somehow the job wouldn't happen.

It was on a Memorial Day that Jack called me in New York and with a shaking voice, told me he and Ernestine were divorced. Even though they had been separated since 1970, I was so afraid that somehow the job wouldn't happen.

The next few months she was always giddy with excitement as plans fell into place and she moved into her new home, at 407 Karen Road in Karen Woods. Sometimes, she would say, "I love this place so much, I don't want to go anywhere." She lived there with my two brothers, Steven & Gary. By this time, my sister Carleen had fulfilled her dream to become an RN, and had married Brian Dane, a rich union that has produced four beautiful grandchildren, 3 of whom survive. Stephanie died as an infant, survived by her twin, Erik. Later came Kathryn & Kimberly.

The departure of Bear Archery from Grayling was another difficult time for Ernestine. The UAW strike found her as a member of the social services committee (along with Beverly), while brother Pete was Chief of Police. In the end, the strike collapsed and she was once again without financial security.

But her faith in her hometown was rewarded with new employment as one of the earliest members of Grayling's Dial-a-ride. For a short time, she drove a bus (NOT her favorite thing) and ultimately she moved on to dispatch and other positions in the organization.

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One of Ernestine's many passions was music she had a lovely alto voice and would often sing as she worked. She sang to all her children when they were babies, and later was a steadfast member of the Methodist church choir.

I always heard bells in her voice, and one of the joys I remember most is singing with her & my sister Carleen. Our voices shared a timbre with hers. We could have been the Judds!

Ernestine was never without a project. She had an engineer's eye for constructing anything from clothing to quilts, afghans, sweaters, and Xmas ornaments.

For Christmas in 2003, she completed at least 10 Swedish weaving afghans. No wonder that when I talked with her in January, she took the month off to read instead of do needlework.

Her last project created a family heirloom, for she was asked to make the veil for Kathryn, her oldest granddaughter's October 23 wedding to Louis Dausser. Katie took the fabric and piping to her. Ernestine thought about the project for a few days and then the method for completing it came to her. The hundred foot circumference was beautifully hand sewn with virtually invisible stitches. She was unable to attend the wedding, due to her illness, but she listened to the whole ceremony with a cell phone connection.

Ernestine shared her passion for Christmas with her children, and even as they went their separate ways, this passion would pull them back together even if only in their hearts. The months before the holiday's were always filled with back and forth excited phone calls of who she was making what for and we all shared that excitement. Those who know her well, remember a house decorated to ooze Christmas from every nook & cranny. The task of going through her Christmas collection was daunting for her children, to say the least.

In 1989, Ernestine's youngest son, Gary, married Patricia Ann Boyink, thereby presenting Ernestine with a wonderful young woman she always called her third daughter. Granddaughter Jessica Ann was born in 1991, and her brother Bobby in 1996. Like the Dane children, she cherished these additions to the family and found much joy in their tender years.

I was never quite sure about this whole marriage thing, until I met Tom Hendrickson in March of 1980. I usually spent time in Michigan each summer, and I remember telling Mom & Aunt Bev about him (they were both single at the time). Since he sounded so good, they asked if he had an older brother or two. I brought Tom home for Christmas that year and he still remembers the way Mom greeted him at the airport in Traverse City. She threw her arms around him and said "Welcome to the family, Tom!"

When Tom & I married in Grayling in June of 1981, his then 15 year old son, Andrew, was best man, and Tom's two grown daughters Holly & Hildi

were bridesmaids. Mom made them feel at home even though we had at least 8 people to cycle through the one bathroom on our wedding day! Andrew's presence with us at Mom's funeral (he lives with his family in Vermont) was a truly loving gesture I will always treasure.

New Year's Eve 1981, Ernestine had her first date with Don Palmer. The relationship grew from that time, and they were married in September of 1982, thereupon launching some of the happiest years of Ernestine's life. The couple was inseparable and expanded to include her grown children and his as well as lots of grandchildren. The two clans held a reunion in 2002 where almost all of them met for the first time.

Ernestine's horizons were expanded as the couple launched into camping, starting with a pop-up and graduating to a full size trailer that became their "home-away-from-home" for many years. Their trips spanned the country as they traveled to the West Coast, Texas, and then to New England, exploring & visiting family and I might add, getting that big trailer through tighter spots than they ever imagined!

Through the years, they often visited Tom & I for Christmas in New Jersey. The first time they came, they were so excited they drove 14 hours straight (the one only time that happened!). Each time they visited was a joy.

Don, we are so sorry for your loss, but we are also grateful for the love you & Mom shared. You treated us as your own & gave us the gift of your family. Fellowship with all of you has enriched our lives.

"I REMEMBER..."
...the perfume of Avon's clear red lipstick when you kissed us good night

...the Bumblebee Song (you had to be there)

...sneezes while you knitted an angora stole for my first prom

...childhood Christmas mornings, no matter how little you had, they were always magic.

...the feel of your cool hand on my brow when I had a fever

...Halloween when we had the BEST costumes EVER.

...the fun of sharing New York with you, Broadway, the Opera even Macy's.

...you praying with me before my first orchestral concert

...you being there whenever I sang whether it was in Grayling or Carnegie Hall.

...most of all, knowing I was always loved, no matter what.

We all love you, Mom, and will miss you terribly always. We thank God for your life, and now, for the peace you have found.

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Grayling Police offer tips to area business owners

The Grayling City Police Department held two crime prevention workshops last month.

The Holiday Crime Prevention workshops covered several topics including armed robbery, alarm systems, check and credit card fraud, counterfeit money, shoplifting and emergency preparedness.

Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner said that these types of crimes tend to increase over the holidays. Schreiner added that a strong partnership with local businesses and citizens is the best crime

prevention tool local police can establish. Over a dozen businesses were represented at the seminars. Businesses managers and owners attending the seminar received a local business crime prevention guide and resource booklet.

Any local business that would like more information on crime prevention programs, or would like to get a free copy of the resource guide, can contact Schreiner at the city offices, (989) 348-4621.



Photo courtesy of Grayling City Police
Grayling City Police Officer Tim Coe displays the new city crime prevention guide and resource booklet to local business managers and owners attending the Holiday Crime Prevention Tips program.

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Restaurant earns Health Department award



Photo by Susan Warington

McDonald's restaurant of Grayling has won its second annual merit award for food safety from the District Health Department #10. The award to McDonald's, for "maintaining an exceptional level of food sanitation and safety for the past year," was the only one given in Crawford County. Fifty-seven full service food establishments in the ten counties covered by District Health Department #10 won the award. Pictured (left to right) are: Brandi Welch, Pat Green, store manager Candy Kalbfleisch, shift manager Ray Babbitt, shift manager Jenny Ohsowski, shift manager Morgan Wasson, Carrie Fowler and Martha Barnum. Kalbfleisch said they were "pleased to win the award and always hope to bring fast friendly service to their customers."

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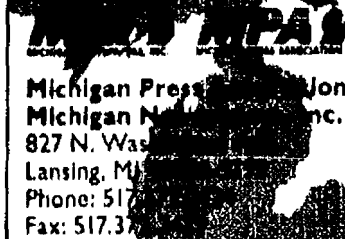
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Need for jobs seen in child mental health

by Aaron Foley
Capital News Service

100,000 new health care jobs might be available by 2015 in Michigan, but the state says none of those jobs are likely in a field with a growing need — child mental health.

Rural areas of Michigan — especially the northeastern corner — definitely need more child psychologists and psychiatrists, said Janet Olszewski, director of the Department of Community Health (DCH).

Psychologists deal with counseling while psychiatrists are able to prescribe medication, but getting access to these services is difficult for many, she said.

"All of the child psychiatrists are in Southeast Michigan," Olszewski said.

There are more opportunities for child psychology-related careers in Southeast Michigan because universities such as Wayne State and the University of Michigan offer education in that region. Also, the area's higher population means more people to treat.

DCH, however, wants to focus on bringing more physicians and other health professionals to Michigan.

"Certainly, there's a shortage in child psychology," said T.J.

Bucholz, press officer for the DCH. "But we're looking at critical shortages where it can be a matter of life or death."

Death is exactly what Judith Kovach is concerned about. The executive director of the Michigan Psychological Association (MPA) said suicide is a leading cause of death in young people who don't get proper attention.

"Most children who attempt or complete suicide are depressed," Kovach said. "In most instances, they're exhibiting signs of depression and not receiving treatment."

Kovach said Michigan is in a unique situation because only residents with private insurance plans or who are willing to pay themselves can be treated. She said 44 states allow government insurance plans such as Medicaid to cover mental health care, but Michigan is not one of them.

"We find that there is very limited access for children who don't have private health insurance in northern Michigan," Kovach said.

If mental health services were covered the same way as all other health services, more residents could have access to them, Kovach said.

Many children who don't receive proper treatment for mental illnesses end up in the criminal justice system, Kovach said.

One study showed that 34 percent of Michigan's prisoners had some sort of mental illness. "I would wager that it is at least as high in the juvenile system."

Kovach said 20 percent of Americans will suffer a mental illness at some point in their lives. "There's no reason to think that it will be different in more rural or more urban areas."

But according to a national report from the U.S. Surgeon General's office, 11 percent of people with diagnosable mental disorders received no treatment, Kovach said. "That's probably in rural areas because it's harder to find treatment."

"Community Mental Health doesn't meet the need, the private sector doesn't meet the need — the demand is higher than the services that are available," she said.

Counseling is the best way to treat those with mental illnesses, but many physicians aren't able to perform in that field, she said.

"Primary-care physicians — they're generalists, not specialists," Kovach said. "Drugs alone are not the best way to treat it —

that's how primary-care physicians treat mental illness."

"If mental health officials aren't available, then primary-care physicians have no choice than to treat it that way."

There is hope that mental health availability will increase in the state.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently received the Mental Health Commission's long-term plan to improve the state's mental health resources.

One of its primary goals is to identify children with disabilities and risk factors in education and health care settings.

But, Kovach said, "the Legislature as a whole has not made mental health a priority."

The MPA has contacted the incoming crop of House representatives to determine their stance on mental health. One problem is that unlike some past legislators, none of the newcomers has worked in mental health, Kovach said.

Access and availability to quality services will always be a priority for the MPA, Kovach said.

"We have countless stories of parents of children who have completed suicide who say, 'My child needed help, but services weren't available,'" she said.

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Volleyball team prepares for upcoming season

■ Varsity squad has a new coach this year and solid depth

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

This year's varsity girls volleyball team at Grayling High School has good depth – 15 players in all – and a new head coach – Jenny Swander, who has coached JV and freshman volleyball at GHS for six years.

Grayling's line-up of 15 players includes seven seniors and eight juniors. "We have a lot of depth," Coach Swander said.

Swander, who coached the JV volleyball team at GHS last year, is in her first season as the varsity squad's coach. She coached two years of freshman volleyball and spent three years as the JV coach prior to this season.

"I'm excited," Coach Swander said. "I think the girls are excited. We have a lot of talent this year. It's a real good group to work with."

"We have some strong hitters. Their attitude, they're ready to win. That's some of the (team's) biggest (strengths)," Coach Swander said. "We need to work on our serve receive. We work well off the hit, but our serve receive is a little weak."

"This group has been very consistent, middle of the road consistent. I'm hoping to take them up a notch, to get to the next level," Coach Swander said. "We've already made a lot of positive changes in the program."

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See "VOLLEYBALL..." Heather Metzger sets a ball at practice last Wednesday.

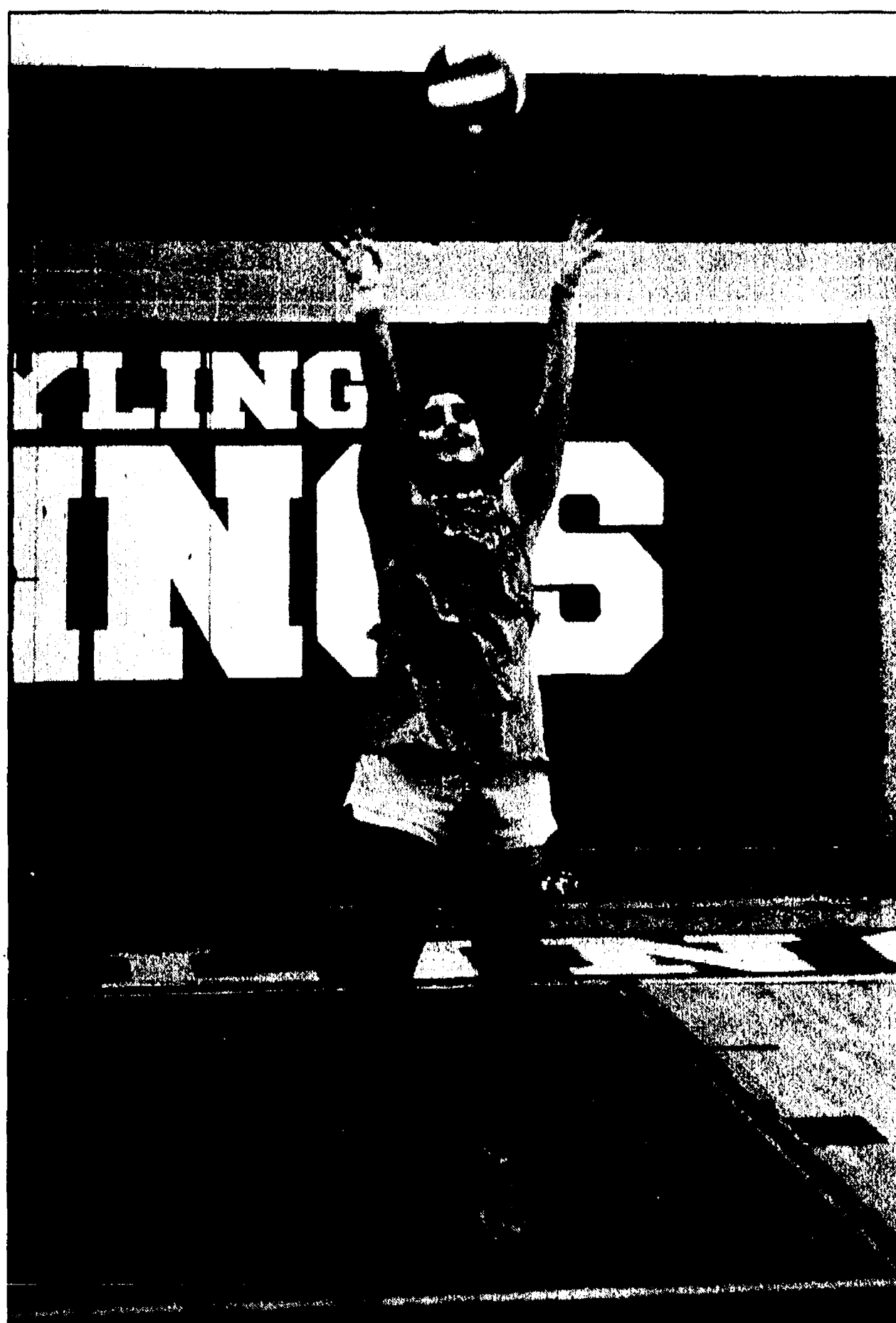


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Basketball team to start 2004-05 season

■ Coach says success will hinge on defense and rebounding

The 2004-2005 GHS varsity boys basketball team, which opens its season with two road games this week, has five players back from last year's regional finalist squad.

"We have a solid group of core players as we enter into the upcoming season," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Our kids are solid on and off the court."

"We have a number of kids who are very versatile. We can place a number of different kids into different positions throughout a game. That is a great luxury to have as a coach. We have a number of kids who are capable of shooting the ball very well," Coach Moffit said. "The number one concern of this team is at the defensive end of the court. We have to be able to defend and rebound if we are going to be successful. We have improved in this area, but we still have a long ways to go. Our graduating seniors were solid defenders and we have to replace their intensity and effort."

"We are looking forward to this season and the challenges that we will endure," Coach Moffit said. "The Lake Michigan Conference should be very good this year. We have a number of teams that can contend for a league crown. Kalkaska, Traverse City St. Francis, and Charlevoix have some key returning players and should all be at the top of the league. However, there are a number of other teams in this league that could also contend if they get some key breaks early in the sea-

son. Our success will hinge on our ability to play with intensity at both ends of the court. I like our chances."

This year's team has four seniors, seven juniors, and two sophomores. The players (listed with a brief scouting report from Coach Moffit) are:

(returning players)

Gibson Tobin – 5'10" senior guard – "Leading scorer (391 points) and assists (153) from a regional finalist team of a year ago. LMC all-conference (1st team), TC all-region (1st team), and honorable mention all-state (Detroit Free Press & Detroit News). Solid defender, shooter, and ball handler who is an unselfish player on both ends of the court."

Josh Hinkle – 6'2" senior guard – "Progressed into a very good player at the end of last year. He was instrumental in our district championship game, scoring double figures down the stretch in our win. Solid shooter and ball handler. Can play multiple positions. Scored 202 points and had 61 assists last year."

Bobby Starks – 6'3" junior guard/forward – "Started at the end of his sophomore year and was instrumental in our success. Shot 50 percent from the floor and 41 percent from the three-point line. Bobby has the versatility to play point guard or center."

Matt Swope – 6'2" senior forward – "Physical kid who has improved his game over the summer. Good rebounder who will be counted on for his inside presence."

Josh Millikin – 6'2" senior forward – "Physical player who can score in the paint and is a

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See "BASKETBALL..."

Ten football players earn all-league recognition

■ Quarterback and running back earn all-state honorable mentions

Ten Grayling High School football players earned all-league honors in the Lake Michigan Conference this year, and two of them also earned all-state honorable mentions.

Grayling's 10 all-league players were:

(First team) Bobby Starks, quarterback (101 of 190 passing for 1,400 yards and 17 touchdowns); Joey Bancroft, running back (210 carries for 1,230 yards and 15 touchdowns); Eli VanNuck, wide receiver (35 receptions for 700 yards and 10 touchdowns); Matt Swope, linebacker (93 tackles, 7 sacks, 5 fumble recoveries);

(Honorable mention) Gibson Tobin, wide receiver (34 receptions for 500 yards and seven touchdowns); Travis Brush, offensive line (92 percent blocking); Zac Baker, defensive back (six interceptions in league play); Kevin LaTrelle, linebacker (70 tackles, 7 sacks, 1 interception); Matt Larson, offensive line (90 percent blocking); Trevor Clough, offensive line (87 percent blocking).

Starks (QB) and Bancroft

(RB) both earned all-state recognition.

"We had 10 players make all-conference and we were happy with that. Then the Associated Press Class B all-state team, selected by the Michigan high school sports writers and broadcasters, came out last Friday. We were lucky enough to have two guys make honorable mention all-state. Both quarterback Bobby Starks and running back Joey Bancroft made the team and that is quite an accomplishment for Grayling. Last year, Roy Czapke made the team as an honorable mention all-state line-backer," Coach Ben Brock said.

The Vikings recently handed out a few team awards at their end of the season banquet.

"Our defensive MVP went to Matt Swope as he recorded 93 tackles and seven sacks this season. Our offensive co-MVPs were Joey Bancroft and Eli VanNuck. Bancroft rushed for 1,230 yards and had 15 TDs. VanNuck caught 35 passes for 700 yards and 10 TDs," Coach Brock said.

"Our captains for this past season were Travis Brush, Jason Strohpaul, Gibson Tobin, and Bobby Starks. They put in many hours to make this team what it

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Wrestling team splits tournament title

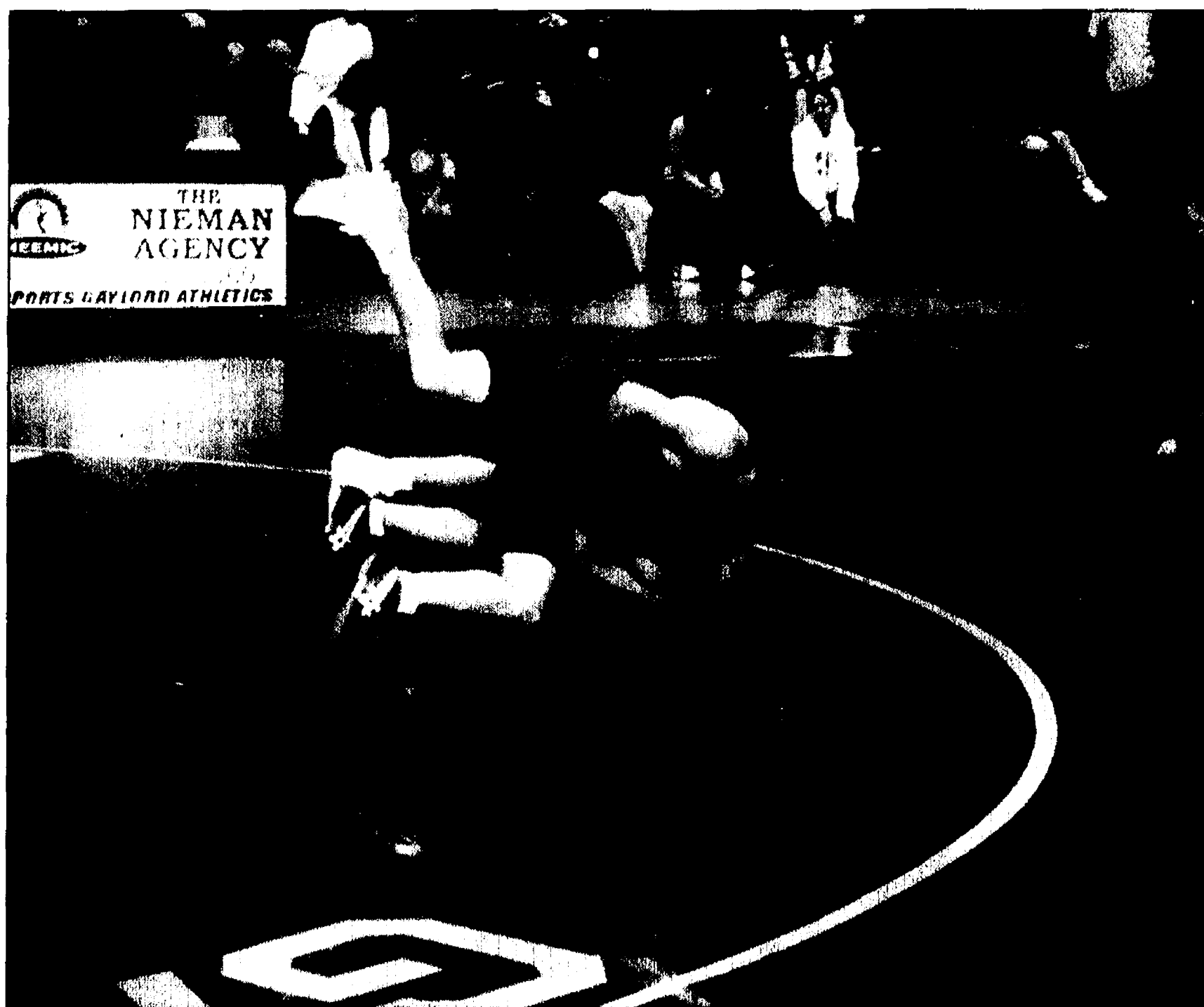


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Kevin LaTrelle wrestles a Whittemore Prescott opponent at Gaylord in Grayling's season opener last Thursday. The Vikings also competed in a tournament at Roscommon on Saturday. For results of both meets, see Page 2B.

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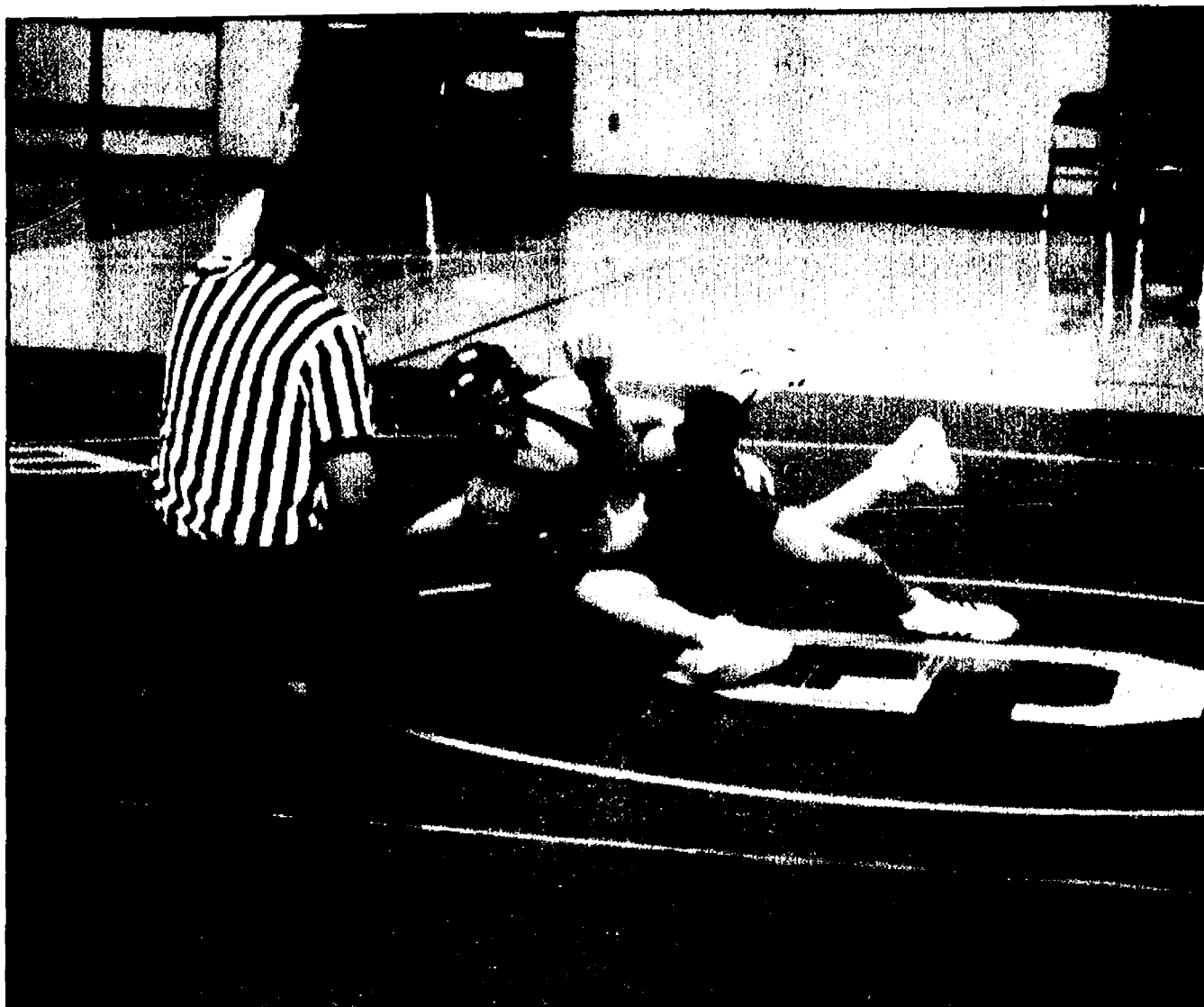
Wrestling team splits tournament title

■ Vikings open season with meet at Gaylord on Thursday night

In its second meet of the new season, Grayling High School's wrestling team tied Rogers City and Roscommon for the Roscommon tournament championship on Saturday by defeating squads from Manton, Houghton Lake, and Roscommon.

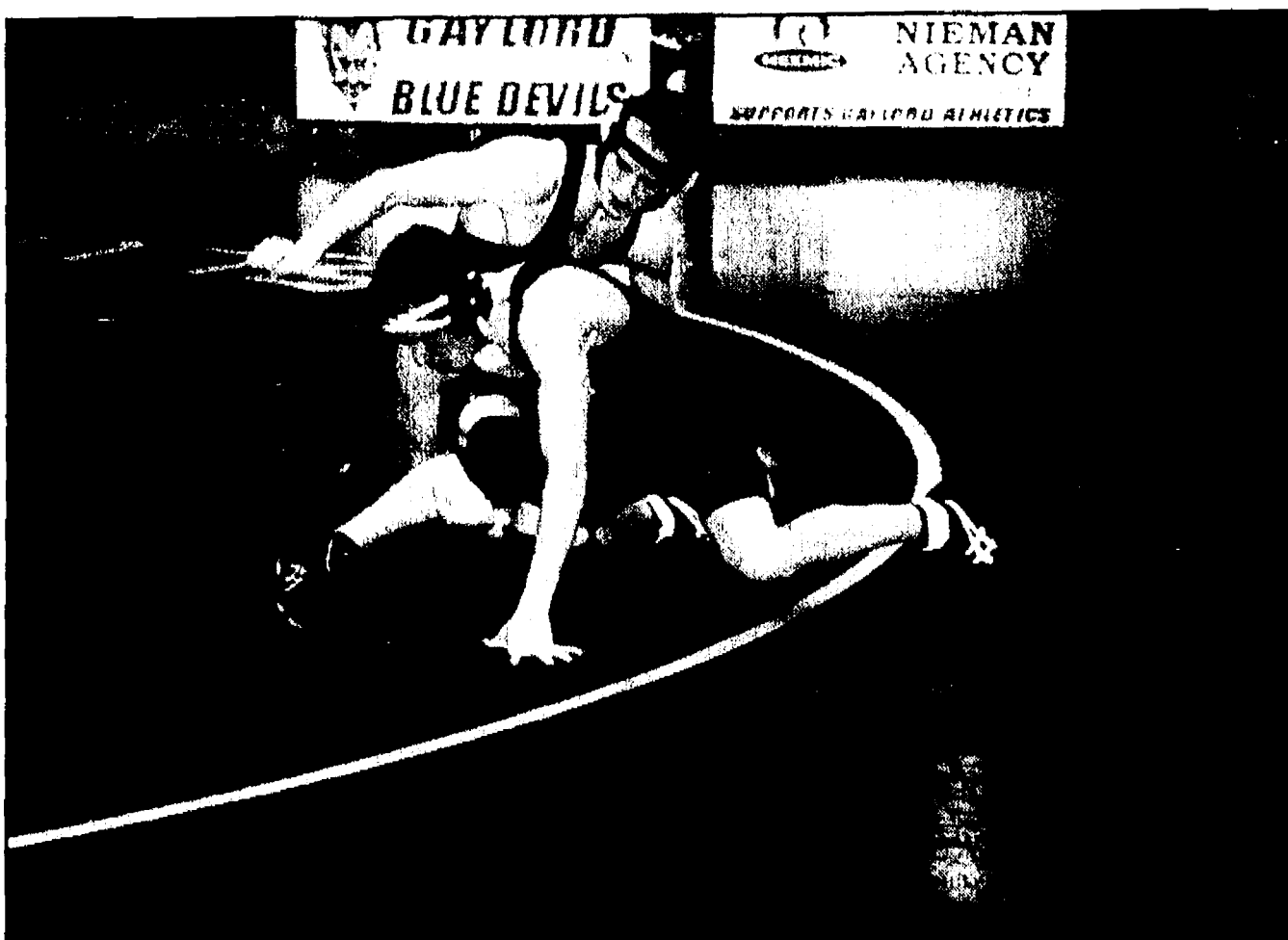
The Vikings outscored Manton 48-27 and defeated Houghton Lake 57-21. Grayling lost to Rogers City 53-24. Rogers City lost to Roscommon. Against Roscommon, Grayling got on the scoreboard first with a win by decision by Jeff Bancroft (145). The Bucks won the 152-pound weight class.

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TJ Cordoza goes for a pin on a Gaylord opponent last Thursday.



Jeff Bancroft wrestles against Whittemore Prescott on Thursday.

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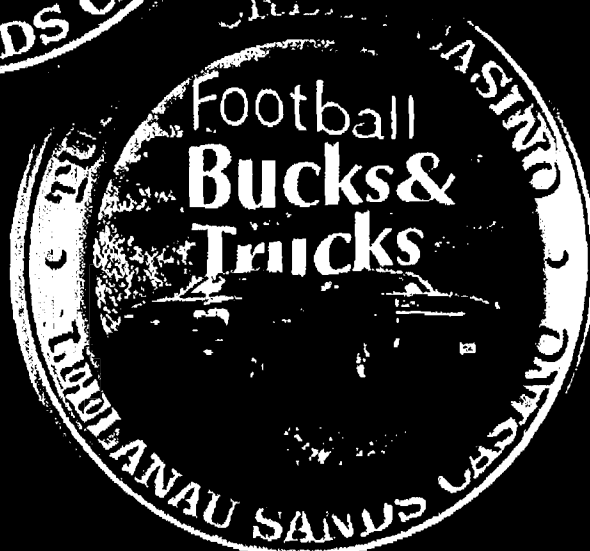
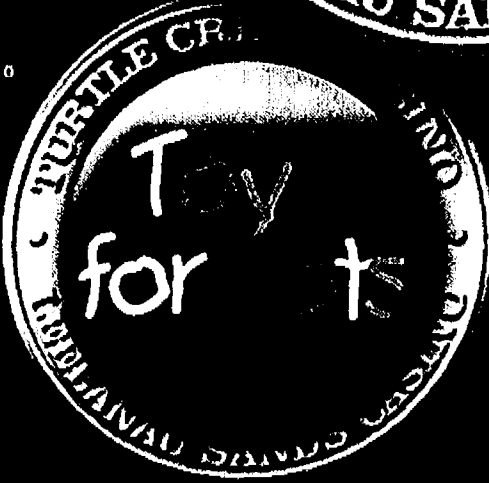
Kevin went undefeated last week with a 7-0 record. He won the 160-pound weight class at Roscommon on Saturday.

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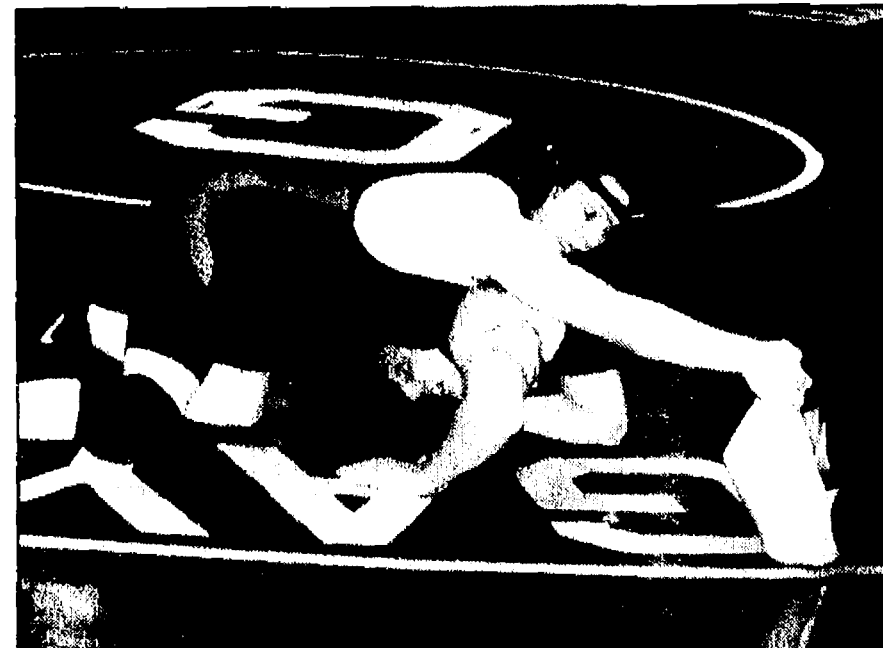
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Jeff Harwood wrestles his Whittemore counterpart.



Ben Brown takes on a Gaylord opponent.



Corey Metzger tries to pin a Gaylord wrestler.

Ten football players earn all-league recognition

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was this year both in and out of school," Coach Brook said. "Our kids were winners because of their leadership and work ethic."
Grayling finished the 2004 regular season with an 8-1 win/loss record and hosted a play-off game for the first time in school history.

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Wrestling team splits tournament title

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by pin.

At 162, Kevin LaTreille won by pin for GHS. Troy Wilson (171), Joel Wilson (189), Joe Ferrigan (215), and Bill Stewart (heavyweight) also posted victories by pin for the Vikings. Ben Brown (103) won by decision.

Grayling forfeited 112 and 119. Roscommon won the next two matches by pin. The Bucks won the 135-pound division by decision in a close match. The score was tied at 33-33 with one match left.

Corey Metzger (140) won the final match-up against the Bucks by decision to give Grayling a 36-33 victory.

Grayling, Rogers City, and Roscommon all finished the tourney with one loss each and split the tournament title.

Bancroft, LaTreille, and T. Wilson went undefeated at the event for Grayling.

"The wrestlers had a great day, winning four duals and losing one," Coach Don Ferguson said. "The crowd really was behind our team and it was a great help. Keep it up, fans."

In a meet at Gaylord last Thursday, the GHS wrestling team opened its 2004-2005 season with matches against the Gaylord Blue Devils and Whittemore Prescott Cardinals.

The meet got under way with Grayling vs. Whittemore. WP won the first match (145) by pin in the second round to lead 6-0.

Doug Webb (152) won his match for Grayling 3-0. At 160, LaTreille won 18-1 for five team points to give GHS an 8-6 lead. T. Wilson (171) lost a close match 7-3. Grayling forfeited the 189-pound division. Whittemore won the 215-pound weight class by pin in round two.

Stewart (heavyweight) defeated his Whittemore opponent 4-2. WP won the 103-pound division by pin in the second round. Grayling forfeited 112 and 119. Whittemore won the 125-pound weight class by decision, 15-0. WP posted a second round pin at 130.

TJ Cordoza (135) won his match for GHS 8-6. In the last bout (140), Whittemore won with a second round pin. The Cardinals won the contest 56-14.

In the second match-up of the night, Whittemore defeated host Gaylord 39-29.

Grayling then wrestled against Gaylord.

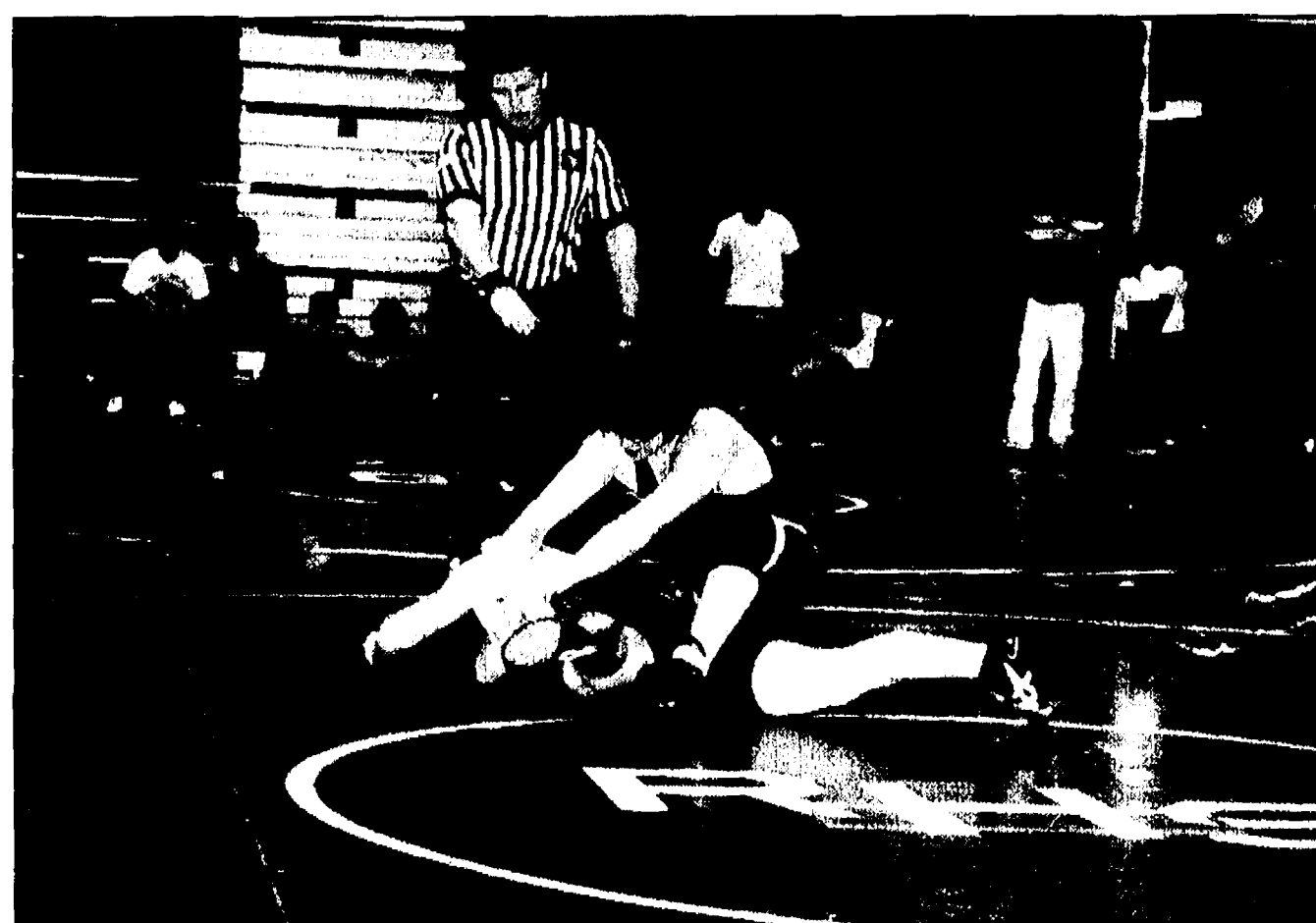
Grayling forfeited the first match (189). Gaylord won 215 and the heavyweight division, both by pin.

At 103, Brown pinned his opponent in the third round to earn six points for Grayling. The Vikings forfeited 112 and 119.



Photos courtesy of Bill Rosecrans

Troy Wilson grapples with a Manton opponent at Saturday's wrestling tournament at Roscommon.



Joel Wilson wrestles against Manton at Roscommon on Saturday.

Eric Madill won a 15-13 decision for Grayling at 125. Gaylord won the 130-pound weight class by pin. Cordoza (135) posted his second win of the night with a second round pin. Metzger pinned his Gaylord counterpart in the first round to give Grayling a team total of 21 points (to Gaylord's 36).

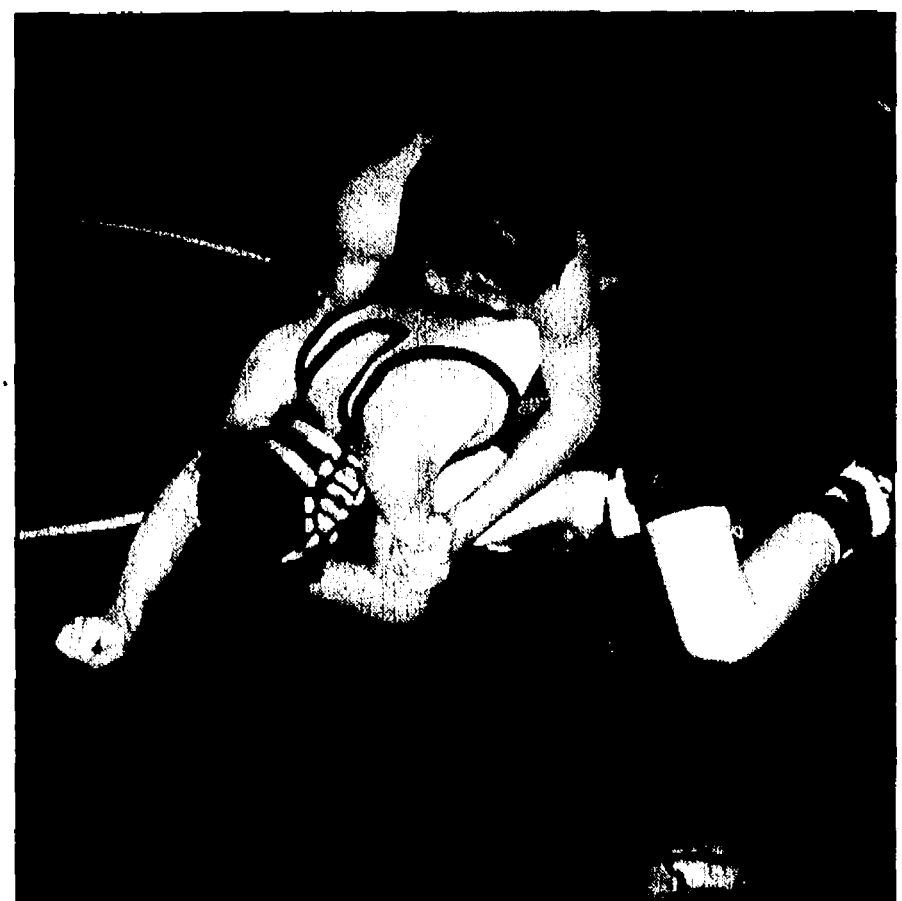
At 145, Bancroft and his Gaylord opponent were tied 4-4 after three rounds. Gaylord won the match in overtime 6-4. The Blue Devils won the 152-pound weight division with a third round pin.

LaTreille (160) posted his second victory of the evening on an injury forfeit in the second round. T. Wilson lost an 11-5 decision at 171.

The Blue Devils won the match by a final score of 48-26.

(Grayling had two of its team points deducted due to two separate unsportsmanlike conduct penalties.)

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Eric Madill wrestles a Roscommon opponent on Saturday.

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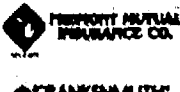
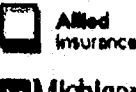
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Basketball team to start 2004-05 season

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very solid defender."

(newcomers)
Eli VanNuck - 5'10" junior guard - "Solid player who can score in the open court. Quick."
Jim Boylan - 6'7.5" sophomore center - "Improved immensely from last year. Good rebounder and can score inside."
Mike Boylan - 6'8" sophomore center - "Solid rebounder and scorer in the paint. Possesses soft hands."
Zach Dean - 6'3" junior forward - "Will provide scoring in the paint coming off the bench."
Reagan Schmidt - 5'10" junior guard - "Very good defender and ball handler."
Zac Baker - 6'0" junior guard - "Aggressive defender who can

knock down the three ball."
Ryan Feldhauser - 6'1" junior forward - "Good three-point shooter who is athletic."
Zeke Hayes - 5'10" junior forward - "Solid shooter from 15-18 foot range."
Moffit, the varsity team's head coach, will be assisted by Butch Hayes, longtime JV coach and teacher at GHS who retired at the end of the school year in 2004. "We are very pleased to have Coach Hayes on the bench with us full time this year. He does a solid job of teaching the game of basketball and his fire and intensity will add a lot to our team," Coach Moffit said.
Chris Kucharek, a JV football coach this year and an assistant coach for basketball last year,

replaces Hayes as the JV coach, and Ben DeHoog, a varsity assistant coach for football this fall, is coaching the freshman team.
The JV and varsity Vikings opened their 2004-2005 seasons with games at Roscommon on Tuesday, December 7. On Friday, December 10, the Vikings will play the Blue Devils at Gaylord.
On Tuesday, December 14, the Vikings will play in their home opener. Grayling will host a tripleheader starting with the freshman game at 4:30 p.m. Grayling's Lake Michigan Conference opener will be held on Friday, December 17, with Grayling hosting Harbor Springs for a tripleheader beginning at 4:15 p.m.

BOWLING LEAGUE

American Men's League		AJD Forest Product . . . 27 - 21	432.
Scheer Motors	27 - 8	Custom Interior	26 - 22
A.E.L.	22 - 13	Grayling Restaurant . . .	24 - 24
McLeans Ace	21 - 14	South Side River Rats . . .	20 - 28
Canfield's Snowplowing .	19 - 16	Rochette's	16 - 32
GADCO	19 - 16	McDonald's	14 - 34
Fenton's Auto	16 - 19	High Series: T. Rock, 533; S.	
Gray-Rock Cafe	10 - 25	Goss, 529; T. Parker, 510.	
Moore's Automotive	6 - 29	High Game: H. Stairs, 210; T.	
High Series: D. Canfield, 592;		Rock, 206; S. Goss, 195.	
L. Davis, 583; T. Devins, 573.		Friday Mixed Doubles	
High Game: D. Canfield, 245; T.		Moshier Auto Repair	37 - 15
Kotrash, 240; D. Henning, 216.		IMM.	35 - 17
Senior Bowling		Lucky & Laura	32 - 20
Flowers By Josie	34 - 18	American Legion	31 - 21
Grayling Pharmacy	33 - 19	Double Trouble	28 - 24
Kicking Grass	28 - 24	4.F.I.	22 - 30
Bear's Den Pizza	26 - 26	New Guys and Gals	15 - 37
Stitches By Sue	26 - 26	Bye	2 - 34
Sylvesters Sports	26 - 26	High Series Men: D. Wallace,	
Spike's Keg O' Nails	21 - 31	610; D. Canfield, 576; C.	
Lone Pine Restaurant . . .	14 - 38	Hanson, 540.	
High Series Men: G. Wolfe, 533;		High Game Men: D. Wallace,	
P. Faustman, 503; G. Psenicka,		245; D. Canfield, 208; C.	
486.		Hanson, 202.	
High Game Men: P. Faustman,		High Series Women: M.	
224; G. Wolfe, 195; G. Psenicka,		Moshier, 554; S. France, 489; P.	
185.		Benardo, 477.	
High Series Women: N. Glasslee,		High Game Women: M.	
492; M. Ryso and P. Harris, 463.		Moshier, 186; S. Johnson, 181;	
High Game Women: H. Stairs,		C. Lewis, 177.	
M. Ryso and N. Glasslee, 170.		Sunday Mixed Doubles	
Pioneer League		Fritch Electric	54 - 30
Grayling Chiro.Clinic . . .	34 - 14	Little Tyke Daycare	45 - 39
Chemical Bank	30 - 18	Denny's Village Idiots . . .	44 - 40
		Denneo	43 - 41
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		AJD Forest Products	32 - 52
		High Series Men: K. Slater, 550;	
		J. Meharg, 546; J. Fritch, 534.	
		High Game Men: J. Meharg,	
		221; J. Fritch, 219; K. Slater,	
		196.	
		High Series Women: S. France,	
		464; M. Miller, 463; V. Meharg,	

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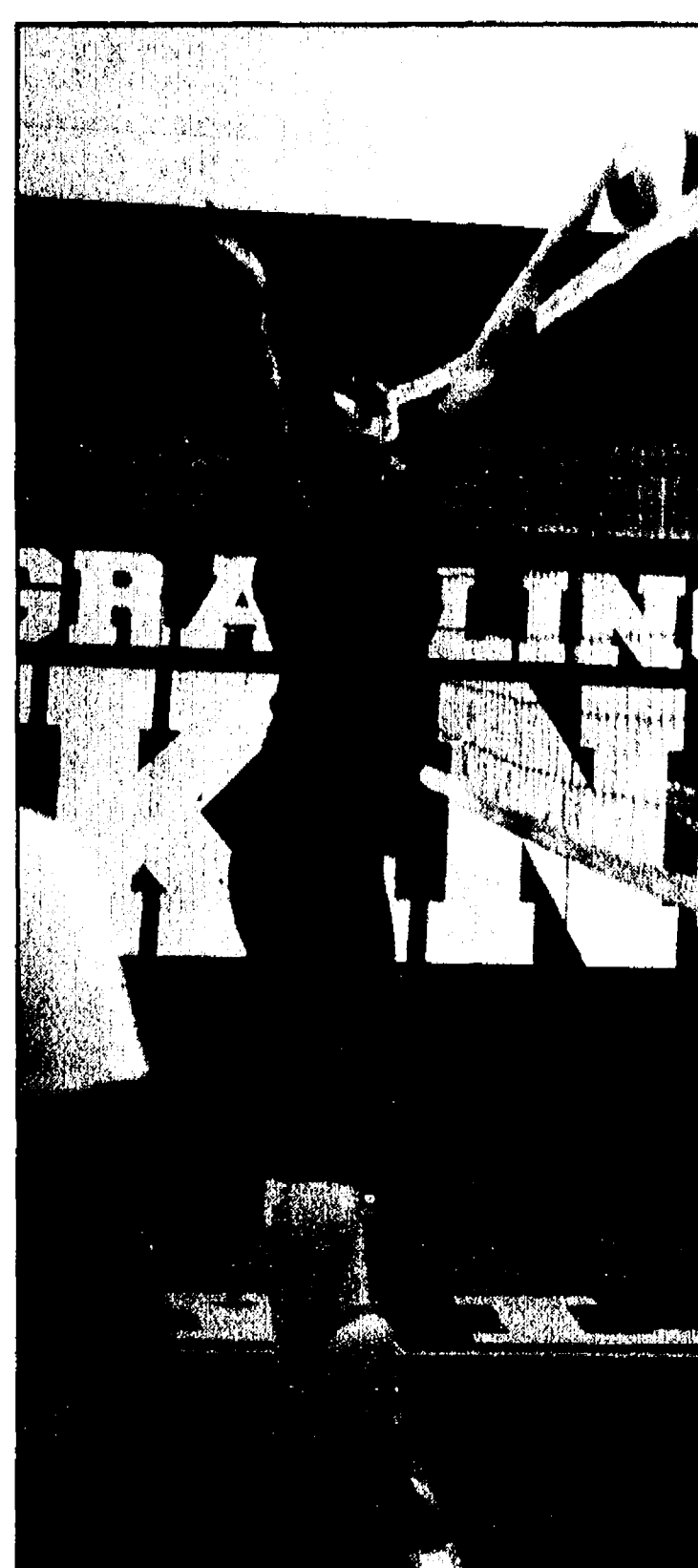
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KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Mens Team
ROSCOMMON - Freshman forward Antonio Berry scored 19 points to lead a school-record seven players in double figures to power Kirtland to a 123-86 victory Tuesday over the Alma College junior varsity.
Bernard Daniels scored 17 points, Frank Washington had 15, Vic Hamilton and Demarvelous Carter had 14 each, Sherman Yarbrough had 12, and Bruce Mason added 10 for the Firebirds, who evened their record at 3-3.
Tobie Tuomi led Alma with 17 points. Brett Knight had 13 and Greg Wimson added 12.
ALPENA - Freshman forward Antonio Berry scored 25 points and added nine steals and six assists as Kirtland rolled to a 110-38 victory Friday night over Algoma University College in the opener of the Can Am Tournament at Alpena Community College.
Frank Washington scored 13 points and Craig Ash and Dave Allison added 12 each for Kirtland, which won its second straight game to improve to 4-3. Two nights earlier, the 'Birds defeated Alma College's junior varsity, 123-86.
Alpema fell to 2-8.
ALPENA - Freshman guard Dave Allison scored 17 points and classmate Antonio Berry added 16 Saturday to help Kirtland win its third straight game, 84-67 over Sault (Ontario) College in the second half of the Can Am Classic.
The night before, Kirtland defeated Algoma University College, 110-38.
Adam Reese scored 12 points and Lauren Oberle added 10 for Kirtland, which raised its record to 5-3. Sault College is 8-5.

Womens Team
ROSCOMMON - Audrey Graham scored 21 points and Jessie Grant added 20 to power Kellogg to a 106-63 victory Wednesday over Kirtland.
Amanda Cooper had 12 points and Kenzie Steward netted 11 for KCC in Kirtland's home opener.
The non-conference loss dropped Kirtland to 1-5. Kellogg improved to 4-1.
FAIRVIEW - Sophomore forward Kenzie Steward scored 20 points and Amanda Cooper added 15 to lead Kirtland to a 71-62 win Saturday over Alma College's junior varsity in a game played at Fairview High.
Casey Burrows contributed 10 assists and seven steals in the win, which improved Kirtland to 2-5.
Christie Endebrock scored 11 points to lead Alma, 1-2.



At varsity girls volleyball practice last Wednesday, Samantha Wakeley (left) hits a ball near the net, Chelsea Papendick (center) sets, and Alyssa Farrell (right) goes up for block. The Vikings play their first games of the season this weekend at Roscommon.

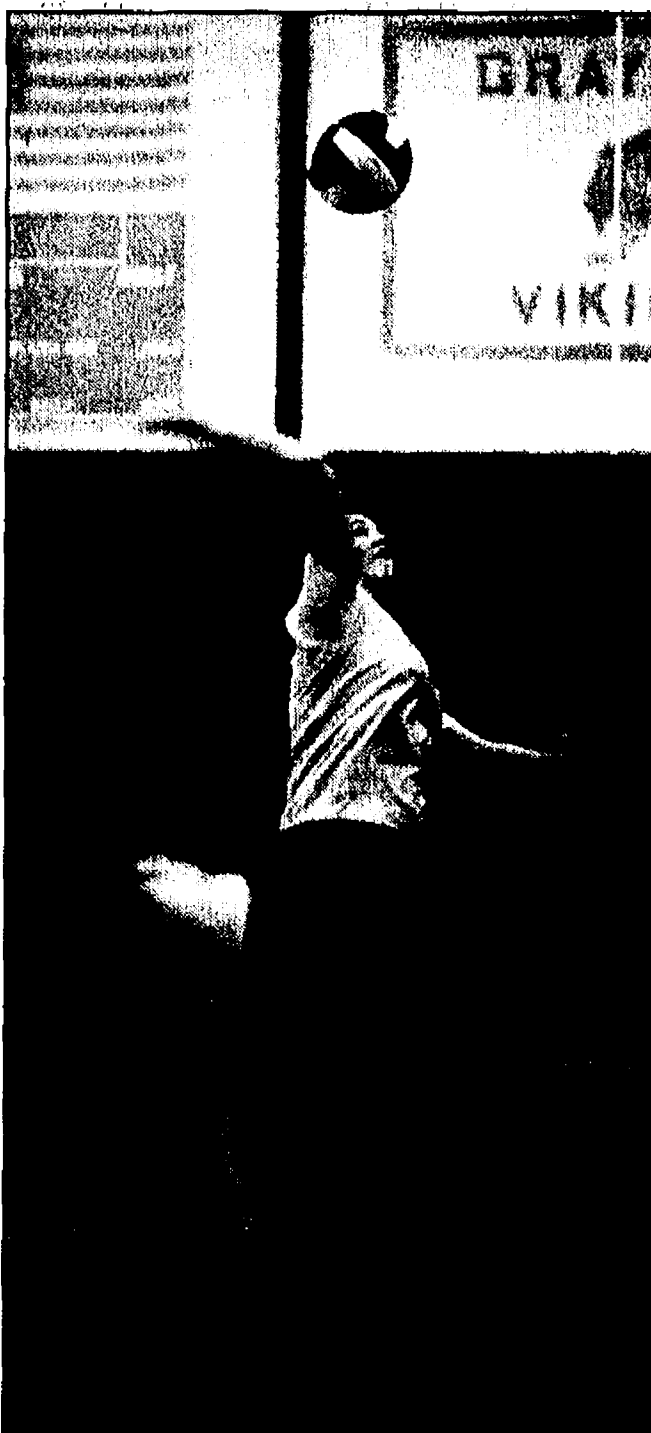
Volleyball team prepares for upcoming season

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Swander said the overall program's player numbers are up at all three levels, with the JV team at 14 players and the freshman squad at 12. Brooke Blauw, a social worker through COOR, replaces Swander as the JV coach this year and Samara Sabin, a teacher at GMS, returns as coach of the freshman team.

"I'm excited about having Brooke as the JV coach," Coach Swander said. "Samara's doing a good job."

The GHS varsity volleyball team will open its 2004-05 season with a tournament at Roscommon on Saturday, December 11. On Thursday, December 16, the freshman, JV, and varsity Vikings will host East Jordan at 6 p.m.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Andrea Southard (left) goes up for a spike at the net and Ashley Rousseau (right) hits the ball at a practice last week.



Jessie Morley practices setting on Wednesday.

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Sat & Sun at 2:00 & 4:15

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2	Systems Analyst	23,200	44,650	2,290	\$56,860
3	Registered Nurses	74,300	81,100	1,910	\$47,690
4	Teachers, Secondary School	41,650	45,450	1,710	
5	College and University Faculty	35,150	42,300	1,700	
6	Marketing and Sales Worker Supervisors	68,700	42,300	1,640	\$67,050
7	Office and Administrative Support Supervisors and Managers	40,200	76,150	1,420	\$41,230
8	Teachers, Elementary School	50,900	53,200	1,410	
9	Personal Care and Home Health Aides	27,100	35,100	1,290	
10	Computer Support Specialists	11,550	21,950	1,110	\$36,760

SOURCE: Data from the State Occupation Projections website

* Figures shown in terms of employment. Projections are developed in the labor market information sections of each State Employment Security Agency. Only includes jobs which require some type of education past high school.

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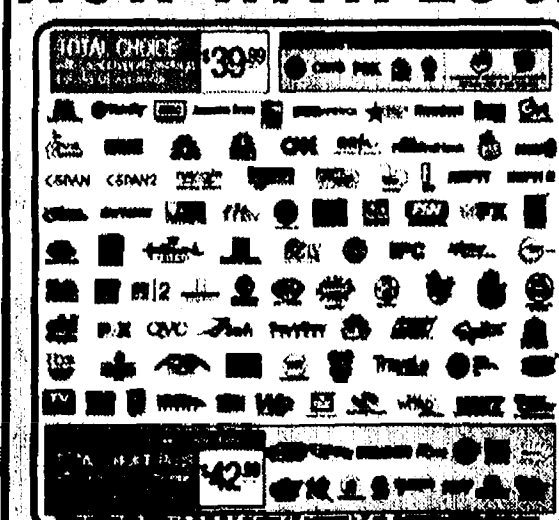
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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott D. Baker, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2003, and recorded on June 20, 2003 in Liber 641 on Page 194, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Five And 06/100 Dollars (\$44,505.06), including interest at 9.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on

January 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47, Roy L. Estates according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 38 Crawford County Records Township of Grayling County Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 2, 2004

For more information, please call:

FC F 248.593.1313

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Attorneys For Centex Home Equity Company, LLC

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

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File #010075F03

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas L. Ramsey and Robin L. Ramsey, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 30, 2001, and recorded on November 5, 2001 in Liber 558 on Page 499, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine and 98/100 Dollars (\$66,929.98), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 28 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. Dated: November 25, 2004

For more information, please call:

FC S 248-593-1304

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Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation

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The Grayling Housing Commission is requesting bids for the following insurance to be effective from January 1, 2005 to January 1, 2006.

1. Fire and extended coverage in the amount of \$6,072,695.00.
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Please contact the Grayling Housing Commission, Guy Quigley, (989) 348-3097 for any further information. Bids must be received by December 27, 2004.

Week #13 Winning Games

1. Detroit (38)
2. Buffalo
3. NY Jets
4. Chicago
5. Indianapolis
6. Cincinnati
7. St. Louis
8. Tampa Bay
9. Carolina (53)
10. New England

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Tiebreaker #1



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Game 6 _____		Game 13 _____	
Game 7 _____		Game 14 _____	

Tiebreaker 1 Game #1 _____ Tiebreaker 2 Game #9 _____ Tiebreaker 3 Game #14 _____

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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting November 8, 2004

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was held on November 8, 2004 called to order at 7:00 P.M. Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Little and Hartman. Absent: Mobarak. There were 10 visitors present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor, by Fire Chief on Fire Department and Planning Commission.

Correspondence:

There were 4 pieces of correspondence.

Old Business:

1. Discussion regarding replacement of our Xerox copier. Board would like some more prices before making a decision.

2. Charter Communications has requested a Franchise and the Supervisor will set up a meeting with them.

New Business:

1. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Hartman to have the Clerk or Supervisor sign the requested Division Order from Quicksilver for a new oil field. Ayes: 4, nays: 0. Motion carried.

2. We received 3 bids for snowplowing. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to accept Bid #1 from Brian Calkins for the 2004-2005 winter. Ayes: 4, nays: 0. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Riley and seconded by Balmes to appoint James Norton to fill Gary Summer's unexpired term to the Board of Review. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

4. Motion by to pay AP bills, seconded and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 04-6927-DE

Estate of Lawrence M. Corrigan. NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Lawrence M. Corrigan, who lived at 129 AuSable Trail, Grayling, Michigan died 11/26/2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan,

and are described as: Lot 17, Pincrest Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 1, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 25, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC S 248-593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Federal National Mortgage Association
30400 Telegraph Rd. Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File # 040714F01

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 04-6921-DE

Estate of Clayton E. Budd. Date of birth 2/10/1921.

NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Clayton E. Budd, who lived at 202 Lawndale, Grayling, Michigan died 7/25/2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michael P. Hettinger, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

11-19-04
Michael P. Hettinger
P.O. Box 184
Grayling MI 49738-0184
989-348-4055

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Frank F. Gannia, deceased
Date of birth: 10/20/1952

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Frank F. Gannia, who lived at 2889 North Manistee River Road, Frederic, Michigan died 10/29/2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified

that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Daniel R. Klatt, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: December 01, 2004
Todd H. Nye P59301
306 State St., P.O. Box 708
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-6141

Daniel R. Klatt
7328 Old 27 North
Frederic, MI 49733
(989) 348-8300

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Ricky Egan, unmarried man to Access Mortgage and Financial, a Michigan Corporation Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2003 and recorded February 27, 2003 in Liber 621, Page 490, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$129,638.61) including interest 8.4% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM, on Wednesday, January 5, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of Roscommon, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel "A - 2": Being a part of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 32, T25N, R1W, described as follows: Beginning at the West 1/4 - corner of said section 32 for a point of beginning; thence N 00 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds W along section line, 472.50 feet; thence S 86 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds E, 1309.6 feet; thence S 00 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds E along 1/8 line 472.95 feet; thence N 86 degrees 39 minutes 30 seconds W along the E & W 1/4 - line, 1309.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 11475 Foster Rd., Roscommon MI 48653. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: DECEMBER 2, 2004 Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 04-30084 ASAP621707 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Heather Gorski, a married woman and Helmut Fritz, a married man, to the Huntington National Bank successor by merger to Empire National Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 2000, and recorded on July 12, 2000 in Liber 0511 on Page 311, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty Thousand Eighty Five 22/100 Dollars (\$30,085.22), including interest at 9.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 16, Wakeley Woods Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, page 18, Crawford County Records. Tax Parcel ID#: 20-040-45-930-00-016-00.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 29, 2004
THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO EMPIRE NATIONAL BANK, Mortgagee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.

23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles D. Denoines, a single man and Liberty J. Galvani, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Mortgagee, dated July 24, 2000, and recorded on August 8, 2000 in Liber 514 on Page 179, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Eight And 14/100 Dollars (\$13,698.14), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6, Block 17, roof-fee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale. In accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 9, 2004

For more information, please call:

FC R 248.593.1305

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Michigan State Housing Development Authority

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #042480F01

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PRIVATE

The City of Grayling Parks & Recreation Committee will hold a public hearing concerning possible uses for the old library building located at 100 S. James Street.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday December 15, 2004, at 4:45 p.m., at the Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing.

Michele Moshier
City Clerk

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
October 11, 2002

STATE OF MICHIGAN PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION OF NONMETALLIC MINERALS (SAND AND GRAVEL) SEALED BID LEASE AUCTION

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to lease State-owned nonmetallic mineral (sand and gravel) rights. These parcels are existing State sand and gravel pits being converted from a mineral permit to a lease in an effort to improve management and reclamation. The lands under consideration for leasing are located in the following areas:

SB 2002-1: W1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4, Section 16, T25N, R3W, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, 7-Mile Pit, 20 acres more or less.

SB 2003-4: W1/2 SW1/4, Section 32, T25N, R9E, Greenbush Township, Alcona County, King's Corner Pit, 80 acres more or less.

SB 2002-10: NW1/4 NE1/4 FRL & SE1/4 NE1/4, Section 2, T34N, R1W, Walker Township, Cheboygan County, Hogback Pit, 80.11 acres more or less.

SB 2002-11: NE1/4 SE1/4, Section 24, T34N, R3W, Mentor Township, Cheboygan County, Rondo Pit, 40 acres more or less.

SB 2003-17: SE1/4 NE1/4, Section 33 & SW1/4 NW1/4, Section 34, T25N, R6W, Garfield Township, Kalkaska County, Naples Road Pit, 80 acres more or less.

SB 2003-21: SE1/4, Section 14, T27N, R8W, Kalkaska Township, Kalkaska County, Smith Lake Sand Pit, 160 acres more or less.

SB 2003-25 S1/2 NE1/4, Section 23, T29N, R3E, Loud Township, Montmorency County, Greasy Creek Pit, 80 acres more or less.

Written comments by interested parties relative to the leasing of any description can be submitted by writing the DNR, Forest, Mineral, and Fire Management, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952. And via e-mail to "mailto:espinosi@michigan.gov" espinosi@michigan.gov. Written comments must be received NO LATER THAN February 4, 2005.

PUBLIC NOTICE RESIDENTS OF FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

Frederic Township is seeking candidates to fill openings on its Board of Review and its Planning Commission. Interested parties should write a letter of interest and submit it to the Township supervisor's office located at 7564 Co. Rd. 612 or by mail at P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733, no later than 2 p.m. December 14, 2004.

Jeff Kea
Township Supervisor.

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on December 20, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following cases:

Case #04-9 Robert & Janice Zalobsky, owners.
040-45-900-00-014-00
T26N, R2W, Sec. 7
Lot 14, Thendara Sub.
Black Bear Drive
NRD Zone.

A request to construct a one and one-half story home in the Natural River District, 15-feet, three and three-quarter inches from the east property line, a variance of 24-feet, eight and one-quarter inches; and 15-feet, three and three-quarter inches from the west property line, a variance of 24-feet, eight and one-quarter inches.

Case #04-10 Jim & Patty Crandall, owner
040-45-766-16-001-00
T26N, R4W, Sec. 8
Lots 1-5, Blk 16, 6th Add.
1351 Maybelle Place
R-2 Zone.

A request to construct a two-story residence in the R-2 zone, 8-feet from the south property line, requiring a variance of 2-feet; and 34-feet from the rear property line, requiring a variance of 6-feet.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Comments regarding this request may be made in person at the public hearing or signed and dated correspondence may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361. No unsigned letters or telephone messages will be considered.

Terry R. Wright
Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notices in Newspapers.
Your Right to be Served Right at Your Door.



FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
December 10, 1981

Carrying on the winning Viking tradition this year will be George Masella, John Solomonson, Dave Pettit, Wayne Metzger, Jeff Knight, Brian Yoder, Ron Wyman, Steve Sauve, Tim Jensen, Chris Krajanka, Tim Moore, Dan Meldrum, Tim Ferrigan and Jim Piper with coach Don Ferguson.

With six major violations - the worst having no library services - Grayling High School is in danger of losing University of Michigan Accreditation for the first time in 71 years. GHS accredited by U of M continuously since 1910 - will be placed on probation this year and has to improve in the violation areas within one year or lose accreditation. GHS suffered severe cuts in education programs this fall due to financial difficulties.

Bert and Penny Kaiser of Frederic are the proud parents of a baby girl, Sarah Kameron. The little lady was born on November 22, 1981.

Ms. Amber Meech announces the engagement of her daughter, Corlynn Ann to William I. Dean II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon L. Stevens of Grayling. Cory is a 1980 graduate of Grayling High School presently a Sophomore at Hope College. Bill is a 1977 graduate of Grayling High School, graduated from Hope College in 1981, and is currently a first year student at Illinois

College of Optometry.

Milltown Party Store, located at 604 Norway Street, celebrates its grand opening with owners Don and Marlene Johnson.

The Girl Scouts in Mrs. Goodales' troop 2163 brightened up the winter scene in downtown Grayling last week. The girls, working for a badge received carnations from J & R Florist and other decorating materials from Hoerl's Decorating and Homestead House.

46 Years Ago
December 11, 1958

William Joseph was honored on Monday evening at a ladies night meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling held at Shoppenagons Inn where he was selected to receive the annual "Flowers to the Living Award." Bill's father, A.J. Joseph, a long time secretary of the club and also a winner of the "Flowers to the Living" award some years back was brought into the room as well as Bill's aunt, Mrs. Marion Burch of Traverse City.

Mercy Hospital celebrated its first birthday Wednesday, December 10th, in the new building.

Crawford County may have its own full time County Agent by 1959 instead of sharing the services of one with Kalkaska as the present system operates.

The Saturday and Sunday storm put a lot of snow in our paths and some of us didn't get plowed until late Sunday. About

eighteen inches of snow fell since Friday and is still snowing.

Chief Shoppenagon Malute better known as "Chief," passed on to the happy hunting grounds for good dogs last Sunday evening. He was the property of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Trudgeon, and a good friend to many of the towns people. He will be sadly missed by all those who knew him. The big malemute would have been thirteen years old this winter.

69 Years Ago
December 12, 1935

The Grayling Cubs opened this season's schedule with a fast and thrilling ball game which went into an overtime.

Sister Mary Theodora of Muskegon is the new superintendent at Grayling Mercy Hospital, replacing Sister M. Monica, who left for Grand Rapids, owing to ill health.

Anyone who enjoyed clever boxing would have had a good time at the CCC boxing tournament held at the School gymnasium last Saturday afternoon. 110 bouts were staged amidst a crowd made up largely of CCC officers and enrollees and local citizens. The affair started with McMullen of Midland acting as referee. The camps represented were Camp Higgins, Camp AuSable, Camp Hartwick Pines, Camp Pioneer, Camp Houghton Lake, and Camp Kalkaska

92 Years Ago
December 12, 1912

Guy Miller, who has been working at the M.C. Freight depot, has resigned his position

and will work for Salling Hanson Co.

There is no way to obtain logs after the river freezes over at that place. Operations in the woods and the shipping of lumber will proceed as usual.

A.M.C.R.R. engineer is there surveying a line to Portage Lake for the proposed track to the contemplated military camp.

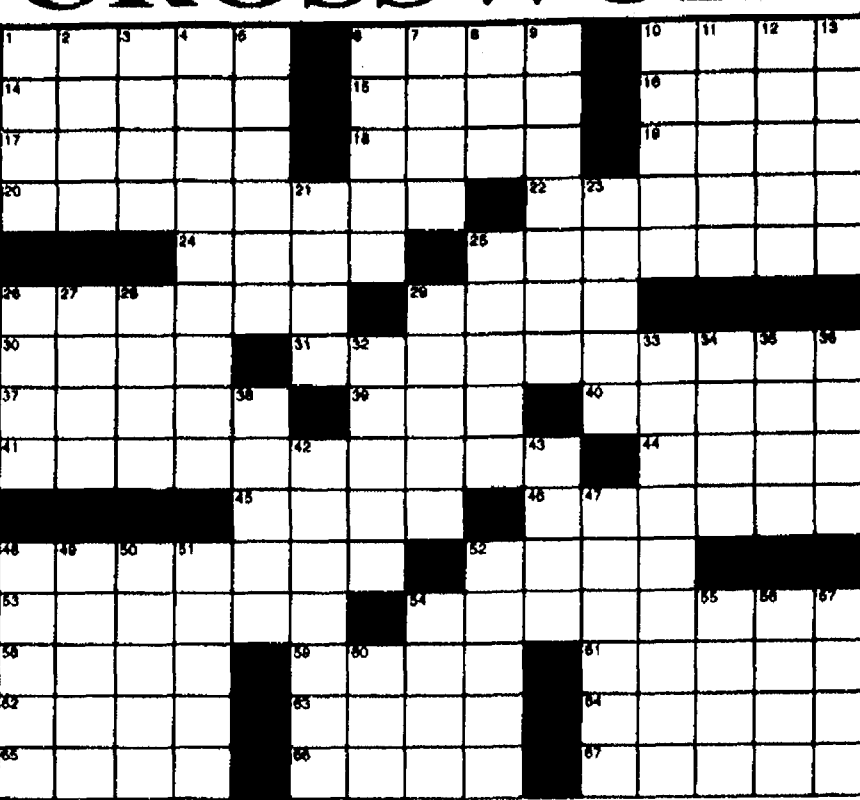
Few are familiar with the pretentiousness of the Michelson farm at Houghton Lake. It contains about 40,000 acres, 500 of which are under cultivation at present and more being added each year. This section contains some of the best lands in the state. There was produced this year about 2,000 bushels of wheat, 3,000 bushels of corn and 3,000 bushels of oats, tons of hay and quantities of other farm products. Besides they raised about 200 head of livestock during the past year.

Miss Augusta Kraus is assisting in the A. Kraus & Sons dry goods store.

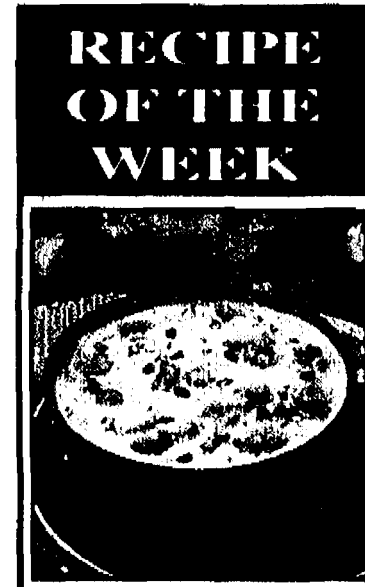
The Michelson branch of the M.C.R.R. located four miles north of Frederic has been taken up and the switch removed from the main track.

Henry Bauman left Tuesday morning for the Feldhauser place down the AuSable River in the interest of Salling Hanson Co. E. Feldhauser is manufacturing lumber for this firm and it is estimated that there will be about 250,000 feet to saw. It will be delivered at Buck's Siding on the Lewiston Branch.

CROSSWORD



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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1. Framework.
6. Progeny.
10. Full of keen anticipation.
14. Domus, or "golden house."
15. Shortened form of taxicab.
16. Luise Le., a German composer.
17. Alloy consisting essentially of copper and zinc in variable portions.
18. Venomous snakes of Africa.
19. Abominable snowman.
20. Treacherous action to defeat a cause.
22. Dangling ornament of cords.
24. Devices used for catching fish.
25. Synonym for stilet.
26. Also called key fruit.
29. Dense clump, especially of trees.
30. Vigorous spirit.
31. Portable cases for holding material.
37. Gerald Anthony's character, Dane, on One Life to Live.
39. Acronym for Video as Input.
40. Des Pas Perdue, album by Caillie Clement.
41. Join by means of interface.
44. Acronym for Course Length in Weeks.
45. To move inconspicuously.
46. Emma, Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter movies.
48. Old, nickname for Andrew Jackson.
52. A festive occasion, especially a lavish social event.
53. To apply oil as a sacred rite, especially for consecration.
54. Entered data into a computer.
58. Masonary fence around a park.
59. Kiri, ritual suicide by disembowelment practiced by Japanese samurai.
61. Vice, TV show that starred Don Johnson.
62. To join closely.
63. To prepare written material for publication.
64. Shearer, Juliet in 1936 version of Romeo and Juliet.
65. Abbreviation for seconds.
66. Katherine, Joanna Eberhart in The Stepford Wives.
67. Record of events.</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1. Ancient Hebrew units of measures equal to about two liters.
2. Distinctive but intangible quality that seems to surround a person.
3. Dull brown.
4. Condition of being resonant.
5. Christian feast commemorating the resurrection of Jesus.
6. Adult male deer.
7. Condition of being comfortable; at.
8. Abbreviation for exponent.
9. Women considered as a group.
10. An abyss.
11. Plural of goose.
12. Warren, starred in Dillinger.
13. Fact of being responsible for the commission of an offense.
21. Acronym for Anti Terrorism Assistance Program.
23. Low female singing voices.
25. Cute person.
26. Abbreviation for semi trailer.
27. Thick, Jason Seaver on Growing Pains.
28. To deal in.
29. Course laid out especially for racing.
32. Ovary-bearing lower part of a pistil that ripens into a fruit.
33. Secretion of milk by the mammary glands.
34. Evils.
35. Italian for "oil."
36. Past tense of saw.
38. Trademark used for an acrylic fiber.
42. More distant in degree.
43. To trade one thing for another.
47. Woman graduate of a college.
48. Birds of prey.
49. Lacking significance.
50. Severe abdominal pain in infants.
51. Tucks something around the body.
52. Small winged insects.
54. Rainbow-like display of colors.
55. Small mountain lake, especially one formed by glaciers.
56. Caulfield, Anya on Buffy the Vampire Slayer.
57. Face of a clock.
60. Time wasted bothering over trivial details.</p> |
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BLUE CHEESE AND SHRIMP GARLIC DIP

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| 1 jar (12 oz.) refrigerated light or regular blue cheese dressing | 1/4 | teaspoon celery seed |
| 1 pouch (3.53 oz.) Premium Shrimp, drained | 1/4 | teaspoon dried thyme |
| 4 green onions, thinly sliced | 1/4 | teaspoon ground mustard |
| 1 1/2 cloves garlic, minced (roasted optional) | 1/4 | teaspoon cayenne pepper |
| | | teaspoon white pepper |
| | | teaspoon hot pepper sauce |
| | | Crackers or fresh vegetables |

In a bowl, combine dressing, shrimp and all fresh vegetables. For blue cheese lovers, add remaining dip ingredients; mix well. Cover and crumbled blue cheese to the dip. chill for at least two hours. Serve with crackers or

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

Walt Disney

FIND THE TWINS
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

DID YOU KNOW ??

The first CD pressed in the US was Bruce Springstein's "Born in the USA."

GOOD DOGS

ADOPT A PET

Agnes would make a great pet for anyone. She is about 2 years old and still has a lot of playful energy. She has been heartworm tested, spayed, and has all of her vaccinations. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.ascc.petfinder.com

HOROSCOPES
For the Week of December 9, 2004

<p>December 22 - January 19</p> <p>All eyes are on you this week. Watch what you say and do, and try to perform at your best. An item you thought was lost reappears.</p>	<p>March 21 - April 19</p> <p>Are you starting to feel overwhelmed with the amount of work that has been given to you recently? Don't fret. Someone you least expect will come to your rescue.</p>	<p>June 22 - July 22</p> <p>Avoid traveling. Too many things are going on at home for you to be absent. Your family needs you—be there for them.</p>	<p>September 23 - October 22</p> <p>Home improvement takes on new meaning this week. Small repair jobs crop up all over, while a large project looms in the distance.</p>
<p>July 23 - August 22</p> <p>A coworker overreacts to a comment made in passing. Do your best to calm them down. Your master plan is on target.</p>	<p>October 23 - November 21</p> <p>You always seem to know just what to do. This will serve you well when a coworker bumbles an account. Only you will have the words to mend the situation.</p>	<p>August 23 - September 22</p> <p>Are things getting out of hand at home? It may be time to make your great escape. A friend recovers quickly from a loss.</p>	<p>November 22 - December 21</p> <p>Romance is in full bloom this week. Your partner will surprise you in many ways. Return the gesture with a surprise of your own.</p>
<p>January 20 - February 18</p> <p>You have a knack for turning junk into treasure. Put your talents to good use and build up your savings account. A deadline is extended.</p>	<p>April 20 - May 20</p> <p>A friend confirms your suspicions regarding a young relative. Confront the situation as soon as possible and do what you can to help resolve it.</p>	<p>May 21 - June 21</p> <p>Prepare yourself for a rude awakening, as a close family member makes some critical observations about your behavior. A financial endeavor looks promising.</p>	
<p>February 19 - March 20</p> <p>Mum is the word this week. Keep your thoughts to yourself and let others do the talking. A friend's health crisis serves as a wake-up call.</p>			

ADOPT A PET

Pet Photos with Santa will be held Saturday, Dec. 11 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Otsego Lake Twp. Hall on Old 27 in Waters. Children are also welcome. Pet related items will be on sale. All proceeds to the shelter.

Help build a new shelter by purchasing a "Driving into the Future Raffle" ticket for a chance to win a brand new 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100.00 each and only 2,000 will be sold. Anyone who would like a ticket should send a check or money order for the amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter Crawford County, Raffle Tickets, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets are also on sale at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe and the shelter

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

WEATHER
Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Start	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
12/2	38	27	0	42	33	43	27	40	18
12/3	34	17	0.12	42	33	43	27	40	18
12/4	35	15	0	42	33	43	27	40	18
12/5	40	25	0.05	42	33	43	27	40	18
12/6	32	24	0.11	42	33	43	27	40	18
12/7	34	27	0.10	42	33	43	27	40	18

High/Low/Start/End/Amount/Type

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$6.90 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$5.00 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99t/1)

LOW INCOME? Do you want to buy a home? If you have good credit or no credit and low income, you may qualify for a government funded home loan with payments adjusted to your income. Call Connie at 989-390-2888 or 989-348-6579. *(For example: yearly income for a family of 4 \$39,100 or less.) (-LR2/10/05/1)

1. Real Estate

NEW NEW NEW JJ's Auto Glass (a division of JJ's Motor Mall). Complete auto glass service. Deductibles waived up to \$150.00, stone chips fixed, windshield repair and replacement. Stop in for a free estimate. JJ's Auto Glass (across from Skip's) M-72 West. 348-7710. (-9/9/04Tf/1)

AVAILANCHE OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

1. Real Estate

NICELY MAINTAINED energy efficient 3 bedroom 1 3/4 bath home on double lot. Two blocks from Lake Margrethe, includes public access and close to snowmobile trails. \$89,000. 989-344-0099. (-2-9-16-23-30/1)

HUNTERS RECREATION property, two plus acres. Reduced \$15,000, buy now \$13,900. County road frontage, AuSable, 2 minutes east of Grayling, by owner. 989-348-7355. (-11/25/04t/1)

1. Real Estate

ROSCOMMON 3 BEDROOM 2 bath 1400 square foot home. \$5,000 loan assistance available from seller. \$65,000, 359.73 payment. 517-543-3057. (-18-25-2-9-16/1)

2. For Rent

FOUR BEDROOM HOME located near Four Mile and Military Road. Rent is \$625 per month plus deposit. Non-smokers, no pets, must have rental history. If interested call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-2-9/2)

2. For Rent

NEWLY REMODELED 1100 square foot suite for lease in medical office building. Grayling, excellent location, parking. 989-732-3992. (-2-9-16/2)

FOR RENT Nice 2 bedroom home newly painted through, all appliances, close to river also town. On 5 acres. \$475 plus deposit. Call 989-348-5428. (-12/9/04t/2)

2. For Rent

COMMERCIAL OFFICE space available. Individual offices with DSL line, phones, and all utilities, 180 sq. ft. office plus ample common areas and conference room. Business Loop location with plenty of parking. \$395 per month with 1 year lease. Contact Randy Thompson at 348-5474. (-18-25-2-9/2)

ROOM FOR RENT \$250. Must have 4wd, steep hill, full run of house, furnished or not. 989-348-6534. (-2-9/2)

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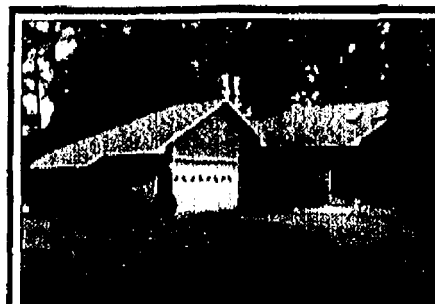
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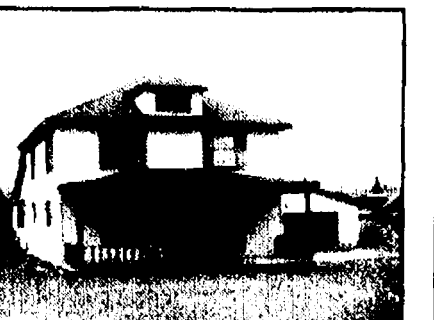


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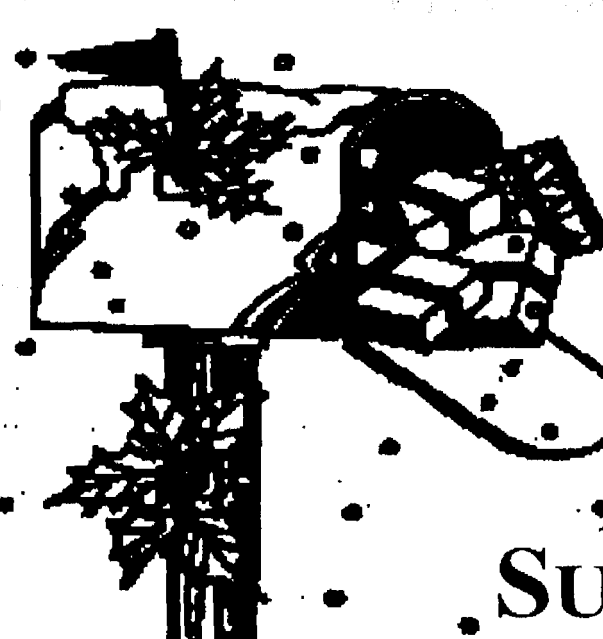
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